

2014 ASA Rule Changes with Comments as of November 20, 2013

NOTE: All changes below are EFFECTIVE January 1, 2014 unless otherwise noted. REV 01-28-14

Rule 2, Section 1 Table: The base distance for the Senior Slow Pitch Classification of play will be 70 feet.

Comment: Allows all Adult Slow Pitch to play with the base distance at 70 feet.

Rule 2, Section 1 Table - NOTE: Guidelines for base and fence distances for Men's Super Slow Pitch Championships Classification of Play to be established by the Executive Director.

Comment: Allows the Executive Director to establish base and fence distances, based on the host's location, in this reestablished Classification of Men's Slow Pitch.

Rule 3, Section 1A: Bats with the 2013 ASA Certification Mark are allowed in Men's Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Boys Fast Pitch and Men's Modified Pitch Divisions of play.

Comment: Allows bats with the 2013 ASA Certification Mark to be used in Men's Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Boys Fast Pitch and Men's Modified Pitch Divisions of Championship play.

Rule 3, Section 1A: If a bat is not marked OFFICIAL SOFTBALL but has an ASA Certification Mark, meets Rule 3 Section 1 of the ASA Rules, is included on a list of approved models published by the ASA, and is not listed on the Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Mark it is allowed in ASA Championship Play.

Comment: Allows a bat without the words, OFFICIAL SOFTBALL on it to be used in ASA Championship Play.

Rule 3, Section 3E[3]: Remove Men's Adult Slow Pitch, Coed (Men), Men's Masters and Junior Olympic Slow Pitch from the table that shows the use of the 44/375. Seniors will stay in the table under the 44/375 ball.

Comment: The 52/300 12" ball will be the only 12" ball allowed in Men's Adult Slow Pitch, Coed (Men), Men's Master's Slow Pitch and Junior Olympic Boys Slow Pitch Championship Play, with the exception of Seniors.

Rule 3, Section 6 EXCEPTION: (Men's Class D Slow Pitch and Men's Class E Rec Slow Pitch) the only requirement is matching shirts with numbers.

Comments: Adds Men's D Slow Pitch Classification of Play to the uniform exception allowed in Men's Class E Rec Slow Pitch which requires only matching shirts with numbers.

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Rule 4, Section 1C [3c]: Senior Slow Pitch (50-55-60) will have the option of having 11 or 12 players in the batting order or any number of players up to the total number of roster players present.

Comment: Allows the Senior Slow Pitch (50-55-60) Division of Play to bat the legal number of players present or any number up to the total number of roster players present.

Rule 4, Section 1C [3d]: Senior Slow Pitch (65-70-75) will have the option of having 12 or 13 players in the batting order or any number of players up to the total number of roster players present.

Comment: Allow the Senior Slow Pitch (65-70-75) Division of Play to bat the legal number of players present or any number up to the total number of roster players present

Rule 5, Section 8A-NOTE: Guidelines for home run limits in Men's Super Slow Pitch Classification of Play will be established by the Executive Director.

Comment: Allows the Executive Director to establish the home run limits, based on the host's location in this reestablished Classification of Men's Slow Pitch.

Rule 5, Section 9A [3]: Men's B Slow Pitch Classification of Play run ahead rule will be 20 after four innings and 15 after five innings.

Comment: Adds Men's B Slow Pitch Classification of Play to the same run ahead rule as Men's A Slow Pitch Classification of play.

Rule 5, Section 9A [5]: Guidelines for run ahead limit in the Men's Super Slow Pitch Classification of Play will be established by the Executive Director.

Comment: Allows the Executive Director to establish the run ahead limits, based on the host's location, in this reestablished Classification of Men's Slow Pitch.

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Rule 5, Section 10C (Code 310 P 03): In all Junior Olympic Pool Play Class A 12- Under, 14- Under, 16-Under, 18-Under, 16-Under Gold and 18-Under Gold pool play in Fast Pitch, no new inning shall start after a 1 hour and 40 minutes time limit. In Junior Olympic Fast Pitch elimination play Class A 12- Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under fast pitch no new inning shall start after a 1 hour and 40 minutes time limit. If the game is still tied after the time limit has expired, the tie breaker shall be in effect at the start of the next inning. **EXCEPTION:** There shall be no time limit in elimination play beginning with the winner's bracket final.

Comment: Adds a time limit to Junior Olympic Class A 12-Under, 14-Under, 16-Under, 18-Under, elimination play except beginning with the winners bracket final. **There is no time limit in 16 Under Gold and 18 Under Gold in any elimination play.**

Rule 5, Section 10D: (Code 310 P 03): In all Junior Olympic Slow Pitch pool play, the time limit shall be 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Comment: Reduces the time limit from 1 hour and 30 minutes to 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Rule 7, Section 1A, EXCEPTION: Men's Adult Fast Pitch and Men's Modified Pitch Divisions of play can use either on-deck circle.

Comment: Allows the on-deck batter in Men's Adult Fast Pitch and Men's Modified Pitch Divisions of play to use either on-deck circle.

Rule 7, Section 2D: Remove the Exception for Coed Slow Pitch Divisions of Play to skip a batter when batting out of order is discovered.

Comment: This removes the 2013 Exception requiring a team to "skip the next batter," when batting out of order is discovered.

Rule 7, Section 6B EFFECT: Batter is out, all outs count and all runners return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

Comment: Clarifies the currently enforced penalty when a batter completes their turn at bat after using an **Altered or Non-Approved Bat**.

Rule 7, Section 6C EFFECT: Batter is out, all outs count and all runners return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

Comment: Clarifies the currently enforced penalty when a batter completes their turn at bat after using an **Illegal Bat**.