

MEMO

TO: CYO SOFTBALL DELEGATES AND COACHES

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SUBJECT: 2008 NFHS RULE BOOK
2007-2008 CYO SUPPLEMENTAL RULE BOOK
MAJOR REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS

2008 NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS RULE BOOK

2008 NFHS Softball Rules Changes

- 3-2-11** Players are permitted to wear metal cleats and metal toe plates.
- 3-6-7 Penalty** Restricts the head coach and the offender to the dugout when a second unreported substitution occurs.
- 7-3-1** Requires the batter to take her position in the batter's box within 10 seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher in the circle.

2008 Major Editorial Revisions

- 1-5-4** Clarified that a legal bat must meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and not be on the ASA non-approved list.
- 1-6-7 New** Added that if an eye shield is attached to the helmet, it must be constructed of a molded rigid material that is clear and permits 100-percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.
- 2-5-3; 8-2-13 New; 8-6-15** Clarified when an on-deck batter is subject to interference and the penalty associated with the infraction.
- 3-5-5 Penalty** Added a penalty when offensive team personnel are near a base to which a runner is advancing or returning.
- 3-6-6 & New Note** Added that bat/ball shaggers are permitted out of the dugout. New note added to clarify that bench personnel are permitted to engage in throwing and running activities during the one minute designated for the pitcher to throw her five warm-up pitches at the beginning of each half-inning.
- 7-4-4** Clarified that the batter is subject to interference if she makes any movement that hinders the action at home plate after the pitch reaches the catcher.

2008 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

(For a complete discussion of these points of emphasis, see pages 84-85.)

1. Pitching
2. Equipment
3. Use of proper NFHS softball signals

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**Eligibility
Item 10
Revised**

"Floaters: This idea is to make sure that we don't have to turn kids away if 1) a parish has more kids than one team can accommodate but less than needed for two teams; or 2) if a parish doesn't have enough for a varsity team and has enough for a junior varsity team, some junior varsity players could play on both teams so the parish would not have to turn away the varsity kids (this would also apply in the same manner between junior varsity and rookie teams).

The first option is always to try to get players (with an CYO approved player eligibility exemption request for each player) from other nearby parishes that don't have teams or have more players than they can accommodate. If that option does not prove fruitful, than a parish may float a player either from rookie to junior varsity, or from junior varsity to varsity, or from a "B" team to an "A" team), again with an CYO approved player eligibility exemption request for each floating player. It is not acceptable to float a player from an "A" team to a "B" or from varsity to junior varsity or from junior varsity to rookie."

**Inning
Slaughter
Rule
Varsity
& JV**

Automatic two (2) outs after five (5) runs have scored in the same inning with a **MAXIMUM** of ten (10) runs an inning...except for the last inning of the game.