



2011 SOFTBALL RULES CHANGES

<p>3-1-3 Penalty</p>	<p>Added a new penalty of a team warning and then restriction to the dugout/bench area for a head coach who submits a lineup card that must be subsequently corrected with a proper name/number or substitutes added.</p> <p>Rationale: This penalty establishes a consequence for a head coach who submits an inaccurate lineup card. Coaches and scorekeepers use a player's jersey number to identify them as the proper batter and for substitution purposes. Previously, when the number was incorrect or substitutes were not listed, it caused a great deal of confusion without penalty. The new rule establishes a penalty if a coach fails to submit an accurate lineup card regarding name and number; similar to other team sports where a team's roster and a specific playing order are paramount. This new penalty does not affect the illegal substitution or batting out of order rules.</p>
<p>3-3-9; 10-2-3k</p>	<p>Changed the guidelines and procedures for identifying and removing a player who exhibits signs, symptoms and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion.</p> <p>Rationale: Change from NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>8-6-18</p>	<p>Changed that intent need not be the determining factor in ruling whether interference has occurred by a runner who has scored/been retired.</p> <p>Rationale: The rule is now consistent with the definition of interference. Intent should not be the determining factor in ruling whether interference has occurred by a runner who has scored/been retired.</p>

2011 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

<p>1-4</p>	<p>Reorganized the glove rule and clarified that any gray, white or optic colored marking that gives the appearance of a ball is not permitted.</p>
<p>2-24-4</p>	<p>Added the exception of touching home to clarify the force-play reinstatement rule.</p>
<p>3-2-13</p>	<p>Clarified the padding requirements for guards, casts and braces.</p>
<p>6-2-2; 6-4-5</p>	<p>Clarified that powdered resin or any comparable drying agent is permitted.</p>
<p>6-5 New</p>	<p>Moved the ball-rotation procedure from 4-1-4 to new 6-5.</p>

2011 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship
2. Team and Player Equipment
3. Field of Play
4. Game Management