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**RULE CHANGE**  
**Proposals**

## PLAYING RULES CHANGES

The following changes to the playing rules are submitted by: Softball Australia National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is Addition  
(Year) (New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 2 Number      Letter b Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 2b

b. ~~The pitcher and~~ All defensive players have left fair territory. **If a fielder makes the appeal, the fielder must be in the infield when making the appeal;** or

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change:

To match the current wording in Rule 8 Sec 9 Effect 9 g-j

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What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

To have consistency in the wording of rules. No need to specifically mention the pitcher.

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 27 Number      Letter      Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 27 Add

There shall be no smoking **or consumption of alcohol** in this area.

**Note: Smoking includes the inhalation of tobacco products, e cigarettes and vaping.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 4 Section 10b

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Reason for change:

The rule states "There shall be no smoking in this area". We need to add e cigarettes and vaping.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     :

To keep up to date with changes to smoking.

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 35 Number      Letter      Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 35 Add to the example from

***E.g. If the force has been broken by an out of a succeeding runner prior to the appeal then this is no longer a force out.***

to

***E.g. If the force has been broken by an out of a succeeding runner, that was forced to touch the next base because the batter became a batter runner, then this is a force out, however if there is an upheld appeal on a free succeeding runner beyond the forced base, this will not be a force out and will be a time play.***

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change:

To clarify the example given. **See Force Out Proposal Support Document.**

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 46 Number      Letter d Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 46d

d. The starting DP (FP ONLY) or his substitute is placed into the batting order in a position other than his original starting position.

to

d. The starting DP (FP ONLY) or his substitute **is entered into** the batting order in a position other than **the DP's** original starting position.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change:

Clarifies what placed means.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

Use of similar wording throughout the rules.

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 49 Number      Letter      Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec49 Add

**or the fielder is using an illegal glove, or if a fielder other than the catcher or first baseman, are using a mitt.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 8 Section 3  
and Rule 8 Section 10b

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Reason for change :

An illegally caught ball definition should also include the use of an illegal glove or a fielder, other than the catcher and first baseman, using a mitt.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is

Amended

(Year)

(New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 56 Number      Letter      Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 56

An Infield Fly is a fair fly ball (not including a line drive or an attempted bunt) that can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort when first and second, or first, second, and third bases are occupied, before two are out. The pitcher, catcher, and any outfielder that positions himself in the infield on the play shall be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule.

### Remove the NOTE

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 8 Section 2 e and Rule 8 Sec 2 Effect a-e and new addition to Rule 10 Sec 1 L 5

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Reason for change

Rule 1 SEC 56 is a definiton, the notes can be moved to Rule 8 and Rule 10. The NOTE is not required.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

With the acceptance of this proposal, the information in NOTE will be covered elsewhere in proposal Rule 8 Sec 2 e and Rule 8 Sec 2 Effect a-d and Rule 10 Sec 1 L (5)

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 1 Section 60 Number      Letter d Number     

Change: Rule 1 Sec 60d Add enters

d. A spectator who **enters or** reaches into the playing field and impedes a fielder playing the ball, or makes contact with the ball that a fielder is attempting a play on

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change:

Add 'who enters' as greater clarification is needed to cover an incident besides that written

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# PLAYING RULES CHANGES

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National Federation

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Type: Fast Pitch X Slow Pitch \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number 1 Section 93 Number \_\_\_\_\_ Letter a Number \_\_\_\_\_

Change \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Amendments to redefine the strike zone  
Amend Rule 1 Section 93 a to read

## Sec. 93 STRIKE ZONE

- a. (FP Only) The Strike zone is that space over any part of home plate between the bottom of the batter's sternum (chest plate) and the bottom of the batter's knee cap, when they assume their natural batting stance. The natural batting stance is the stance the batter takes after the release of the pitch when deciding to swing or not swing at the pitch.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 7 Section 4 a

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Reason for change The revised strike zone more accurately reflects what is expected by players and being called by umpires.

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\_\_\_\_\_ National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is  
**Deletion** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year) (New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ Modified Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ Slow Pitch X

Rule Number 2 Section 4 Number h) \_\_\_\_\_ Letter 2. NOTE Number h) 2.

Change This rule does not apply in SP, and should not be included in the newly-drafted rule book presently under consideration, where it would be 5.6.b) iii) 2  
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What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule NONE Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change To remove an anomaly: not realized when drafted at last revision that this was not marked 'FP only'.  
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What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish Removal of inappropriate rule.  
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Type: Fast Pitch X Slow Pitch \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number 4 Section 1 Number \_\_\_\_\_ Letter b Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Change Delete "Caps are mandatory for male coaches"  
\_\_\_\_\_

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 3 Section 8  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for change Not all male coaches like to wear a cap.  
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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 4 Section 7 Number      Letter a Number     

Change: Rule 4 Sec 7a Exception Delete R4 Sec 7a. Exception and Note

a. Any of the starting players, may be substituted and re-enter once, provided such players occupy the same batting position whenever they are in the line-up.

**EXCEPTION: If the starting player (currently not in the line-up) is brought into the line-up as a Replacement Player.**

**NOTE: The original player and the substitute(s) cannot be in the line-up at the same time.**

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What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change:

R1 Sec 87 & R1 Sec 51, do not allow the starting player still eligible to re-enter to be used as a replacement player.

Rule 7 Sec 7a Exception needs rewording as it suggests that they can be used.

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Type: Fast Pitch  Modified Pitch  Slow Pitch

Rule Number 4 Section 8 Number EFFECTSec.8g Letter NOTE 1 Number

Change

~~Should an Ineligible Player return to the game, it is declared a forfeit in favor of the team not at fault~~

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change \_\_\_\_\_

The responsibility of unreported substitute is not to the player but to the coach. We think that penalty to the player become to be "Declared Ineligible" is too heavy. Therefore, we propose to delete this item.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_

This rule change prevent that a player becomes unable to play by the notice violation of the coach and prevent that becomes the forfeited game by returning ineligible player to the game.

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Type: Fast Pitch  Modified Pitch  Slow Pitch

Rule Number 4 Section 8 Number b Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Change

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change \_\_\_\_\_

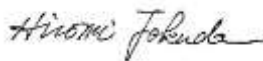
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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 4 Section 10 Number      Letter b Number     

Change: Rule 4 Sec 10b Add

There shall be no smoking **or consumption of alcohol** in this area.

**Note: Smoking includes the inhalation of tobacco products, e cigarettes and vaping.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 27

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Reason for change :

The rule states "There shall be no smoking in this area". We need to add e cigarettes and vaping.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_  
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## PLAYING RULES CHANGES

The following changes to the playing rules are submitted by: Danish Softball Federation  
National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is New /  
Addition \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year) (New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ Slow Pitch \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number 6 (Fast Pitch Only) Section 1 Number \_\_\_\_\_ Letter C,  
E \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Change Change/Add the following:

c. Must have both feet on the ground within the 61.0cm (24 in) length of the pitcher's plate. The hips shall be in line with first and third bases.

1. (Female only) The pitcher shall take a position with both feet in contact with the pitcher's plate.
2. (Male only) The pitcher shall take a position with their pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and their non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate.

e. Must, after taking the signal, bring his whole body to a full and complete stop with the ball held in the hand or glove with both held together in front of the body. This position must be held for not less than two (2) seconds and not more than five (5) seconds before releasing the ball. NOTE: Holding the ball in both hands to the side of the body is considered in front of the body.

1. (Female only) Both feet must remain in contact with the pitching plate at all times prior to the forward step.
2. (Male only) If the pitcher decides to pitch with the non-pivot foot to the rear and off the pitching plate, a backward step may be taken before, simultaneous with or after the hands are brought together. The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitching plate at all times prior to the forward step.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 6 Section 2

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Reason for change: At the recent men's world championship in 2015, it was clear, that it was difficult for the umpires to rule on keeping the back foot in contact with the pitcher's plate. Apparently, a little gap was allowed, but how much is a little? In the final one pitcher was at least 10 cm's off the plate. (See photo) Allowing the jump was a big step in reducing illegal pitches, and allowing one foot on the pitcher's plate will keep illegal pitches to an absolute minimum. This would benefit the game itself and make it a lot easier for the umpires.

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What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish: \_\_\_\_\_ With the use of harder balls and better (carbon fiber) bats, the edge in men's softball has tilted towards the batter. Giving the pitcher a little back (step back) will not alter the men's game considerably. This rule has been used for men for years in the ASA and ISC, and a quick look at game results here does not reveal any shortage of runs. The texting used is copied from the ASA rulebook.

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\_\_\_\_Henriette Gilhøj\_\_\_\_\_  
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NO LATER THAN July 13, 2017**

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 6 Section 2 Number      Letter g Number     

Change

- g. 1. (Female only) Both feet must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate before the start of the pitch.  
2. (Male only) The pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate before the start of the pitch.

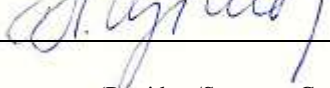
What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 6 Section 1

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Reason for change: At the recent world championship, it was clear, that it was difficult for the umpires to rule on keeping the back foot in contact with the pitcher's plate. Apparently, a little gap was allowed, but how much is a little? In the final one pitcher was at least 10 cm's off the plate. Allowing the jump was a big step in reducing illegal pitches, and allowing one foot on the pitcher's plate will keep illegal pitches to an absolute minimum. This would benefit the game itself and make it a lot easier for the umpires.

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Type: Fast Pitch X Slow Pitch \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number 7 Section 4 Number \_\_\_\_\_ Letter a Number  
\_\_\_\_\_

Change Amend Rule 7 Section 4 a to read

### Section 4 A STRIKE IS CALLED BY THE UMPIRE

- a. When any part of a legally pitched ball enters the strike zone before touching the ground and at which the batter does not swing; provided the top of that ball is at or below the bottom of the sternum and the bottom of the ball is at or above the bottom of the knee cap.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Section 93 a \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change More accurately reflect the expectations of players and what is being called by the umpires.

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Rule Number 8 Section 2 Number      Letter      Effect a-e      Number

Change:

**Remove e, to Read EFFECT 2a-d.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 56

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Reason for change:

**e will be added in the New proposal Rule 8 Sec 2 Effect**

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

Explanation of an Infield Fly added here, instead of Rule 1 Sec 56.

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Rule Number 8 Section 2 Number      Letter Effect      Number     

Change: Rule 8 Sec 2 Effect

Add **EFFECT 2 e**

**1. The ball is alive and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as on any fly ball. If a declared infield fly becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any foul.**

**2. If a declared infield fly is allowed to fall untouched to the ground, and bounces foul before passing first or third base, it is a foul ball.**

**3. If a declared infield fly falls untouched to the ground outside the baseline, and bounces fair before passing first or third base, it is an infield fly.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 56

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Reason for change:

In Rule 1 Sec 56 only need the definition of an Infield Fly, not what the umpire does or what a fair or foul ball is.

Recommended that NOTE was removed from Rule 1 Sec 56 and added to Rule 8 Sec 2 Effect e as it is more appropriately placed here.

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Rule Number 8 Section 3 Number      Letter      Number     

Change: Rule 8 Sec 3 Add

When a fielder makes a play on a batter-runner while using an illegal glove, **or a fielder other than the catcher or first baseman makes a play on a batter-runner whilst using a mitt.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 49 and  
Rule 8 Section 10 o     

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Reason for change:

There is a need to also add using a mitt if not a catcher or first baseman

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomolish     

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Rule Number 8 Section 9 Number      Effect      Letter g-j Number  
1

Change: Delete current wording of rule and replace with new 1.

1. Appeals may be made while the ball is alive or dead, but the defensive team loses the privilege of making an appeal **after any one of the following has occurred:**

**a. A legal pitch has been thrown or an illegal pitch has been called.**

**b. All defensive players have left fair territory. If a fielder makes the appeal, the fielder must be in the infield when making the appeal; or**

**c. The umpires have left the field of play following the last play of the game.**

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What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 2

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Reason for change:

To use the same wording as found in Rule 1 Sec 2.

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What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

Using the same wording throughout the rules avoids confusion.

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## PLAYING RULES CHANGES

The following changes to the playing rules are submitted by: Softball Australia National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is

Clarification  
(Year)

(New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 8 Section 9 Number      Letter m Number

Change: Rule 8 Sec 9m

When he interferes with a fielder attempting to field a fair-batted ball, regardless of whether the ball has first been touched by another fielder, including the pitcher, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball.

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When he interferes with a fielder attempting to field a fair-batted ball, regardless of whether the ball has first been touched by **a fielder**, including the pitcher, **or interferes with a fielder throwing a ball**, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

**\*\* NOTE:** Rule change proposals that are adopted may be reworded to match the current wording/language used within the rules.

Reason for change:

It could be a fielder trying to make a play. Word 'another' not needed and add, or with a fielder while throwing a ball.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     

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National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is  
Addition  
(Year) (New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 8 Section 10 Number      Letter o Number  
    

Change: Rule 8 Sec 10o Add

When a fielder makes a play on a runner while using an illegal glove, **or a fielder, other than the catcher or first baseman, makes a play on a runner whilst using a mitt.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 49 and  
Rule 8 Section 3

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Reason for change:

Needs to also add using a mitt if not a catcher or first baseman

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     

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Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is

Amended  
(Year)

(New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 10 Section 1 Number      Letter 1 Number  
5

Change: Rule 10 Sec 11 (5) Add

Determine and call an Infield Fly. **When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an infield fly, the umpire shall immediately declare, "INFIELD FLY, IF FAIR-THE BATTER IS OUT," for the benefit of the runners.**

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule 1 Section 56 and Rule  
2 Section 2 Effect a-e     

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Reason for change:

More appropriate to place what the umpire does here than Rule 1 Sec 56.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     :

More appropriate to have what the umpire does when an Infield Fly occurs in the Umpires Rule (10) than in the Definitions Rule (1).

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Type: Fast Pitch X Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch     

Rule Number 11 Section 2 Number C Letter Note Number 1

Change: Delete current rule and replace with new Note 1

Protests for the above must be made **before any of the following has occurred:**

- a. A legal pitch has been thrown or an illegal pitch has been called; or**
- b. All infielders have left fair territory; or**
- c. The umpires have left the field of play following the last play of the game.**

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What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change:

To use the same type of wording as Appeals.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish:

To be consistent in the wording throughout the Rules.

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## PLAYING RULES CHANGES

The following changes to the playing rules are submitted by: GBR  
National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is  
Addition (Year) (New, Addition, Deletion,  
Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch      Modified Pitch      Slow Pitch X

Rule Number 8 Section c Number      Letter      Number  
    

Change Female slowpitch players in single-sex competition may wear all shorts or all long pants.  
Female slowpitch players in coed competition may wear all shorts or all long  
pants, regardless of the male players' pants style.

(Rule number to depend on  
whether existing or newly-adopted Rule format applies.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule      Section     

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Reason for change     

Recognising that many coed slowpitch teams consist of male players who  
generally wear long pants and female players who may play softball in either long or short pants in single-  
sex play, having the female players free to choose their own style in Coed allows flexibility without requiring  
them to maintain two sets of uniform.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish     : Recognises reality of the Coed game in  
many member Federations.

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## PLAYING RULES CHANGES

The following changes to the playing rules are submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ GBR (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
National Federation

Proposed Rule Change for 2018-2021 Change is \_\_\_\_\_ addition \_\_\_\_\_  
(Year) (New, Addition, Deletion, Clarification)

Type: Fast Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ Modified Pitch \_\_\_\_\_ Slow Pitch X

Rule Number \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Change Female Slowpitch players may play with the 11" ball with COR of .520 or under and a Ball Compression of 300,0 or under.

\_\_\_\_\_ To be added to  
existing ball specification as an acceptable alternative ball for female players: rule or Appendix number  
dependant on whether Existing or newly-drafted version of Rules will apply.

What other rules and sections will this change affect? Rule \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for change To take advantage of recent developments in ball technology aimed at safer play.

What specifically is the Rule Change trying to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_

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(President/Secretary General)

Print Name

Date

Tokyo Japan / July 18, 2017

Attn: WBSC-SD Board of directors

From: Taeko Utsugi / Asian region Vice President

Re: Simplification for WBSC Official Softball Rule ·Proposal·

I respectfully propose to simplify the WBSC Official Softball Rule, because I think it is major obstacle for ongoing the worldwide development to exist complicated rule.

Major reasons are following 3 points:

- 1) The mechanism of player substitutions become complex and beginner of players, coaches and umpires are hard to understand the rule, and there is threat of disappearing the youth players.
- 2) Many different kinds of substitution rule causes increasing the substitution, and tends to lengthen the game time.
- 3) For the fun watching the game, complicated rule has the potential to become hesitant in watching the game.

To be more precise, we should demolish the DP/FLEX/OPO, and replace DH.

I fully understand it is temporally hard to reflect rule changes in this Congress, but toward easily comprehensible, speedy, and easily understood for the fun, I request to propose playing a central role in consideration of simplification for WBSC Official Softball Rule.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Best regards,

宇津木 妙子

Taeko Utsugi