

Corrections to the 2012 and 2013 Softball Rules and Interpretations

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PoE	6	<p>Change in Effect ...3rd paragraph</p> <p>This change creates a parallel penalty to the effect for an illegal pitch when the offended (that is, the offensive) team is always advantaged. But as simple as that seems, this becomes the first offensive violation that results in a delayed dead ball so there is now the possibility that there will be both an offensive and defensive rule violation resulting in delayed dead ball penalties that will have to be resolved once play ceases. When this is the case, the penalties will be applied in the order in which they occurred as determined by the umpire crew. So, for example, a play that includes both a base runner leaving early and an illegal pitch will be allowed to conclude; the umpires will determine which violation occurred first, enforce that effect and then apply the effect for the other violation. If the illegal pitch was called for stepping backward, it would be the first violation, but if the illegal pitch was for striding outside the pitching lane, it would be the second. If the defensive violation is anything other than illegal pitch (rule 6.8), it would be enforced after the offensive violation.</p>	<p>Change in Effect ...3rd paragraph</p> <p>This change creates a parallel penalty to the effect for an illegal pitch when the offended (that is, the offensive) team is always advantaged. But as simple as that seems, this becomes the first <u>common</u> offensive violation that results in a delayed dead ball so there is now the <u>real</u> possibility that there will be both an offensive and defensive rule violation resulting in delayed dead ball penalties that will have to be resolved once play ceases. When this is the case, <u>at the conclusion of the play, the leaving early violation and effect are ignored and the umpire crew will determine the order any other violations occurred to establish the final result of the play. The defensive coach then will have the option of taking the result of the play or the traditional penalty for a leaving early violation. the penalties will be applied in the order in which they occurred as determined by the umpire crew. So, for example, a play that includes both a base runner leaving early and an illegal pitch will be allowed to conclude; the umpires will determine which violation occurred first, enforce that effect and then apply the effect for the other violation. If the illegal pitch was called for stepping backward, it would be the first violation, but if the illegal pitch was for striding outside the pitching lane, it would be the second. If the defensive violation is anything other than illegal pitch (rule 6.8), it would be enforced after the offensive violation.</u></p>
Comm. Report	8	<p>Softball Bat Protocol ...2nd paragraph</p> <p>One of the major changes is a reduction in the number to editions of Approved Softball Bat Lists used throughout the season. Last year, the committee anticipated there would be eight to 10 bat lists to accommodate correction of information provided by manufacturers, introduction of new models as the season progressed and the assessment of strikes for models with poor performance in bat compliance testing. In the end though, 20 lists were posted. So to minimize the difficulties encountered by the constant change in lists, the initial 2012 bat list has been finalized this summer and changes initiated by the manufacturers will only occur on the 15th of January, March, April and June.</p>	<p>Softball Bat Protocol ...2nd paragraph</p> <p>One of the major changes is a reduction in the number of editions of Approved Softball Bat Lists used throughout the season. Last year, the committee anticipated there would be eight to 10 bat lists to accommodate correction of information provided by manufacturers, introduction of new models as the season progressed and the assessment of strikes for models with poor performance in bat compliance testing. In the end though, 20 lists were posted. So to minimize the difficulties encountered by the constant change in lists, the initial 2012 bat list has been finalized this summer and changes initiated by the manufacturers will only occur on the 15th of January, March, April and July June.</p>

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6.8.5	60	Delayed Dead Ball Detached equipment interferes with a batted, pitched or thrown ball (Rule 9.7).	Delayed Dead Ball Detached equipment interferes with a batted, pitched or thrown ball (Rule 9. 2.47).
13.3	162	Leaving Team Area to Join a Brawl <i>Exception: Players suspended under 13.2 may be restricted to the dugout if the suspension is to be served while the team is on the road and no other suitable supervisory options are available.</i>	Leaving Team Area to Join a Brawl <i>Exception: Players suspended under 13.32 may be restricted to the dugout if the suspension is to be served while the team is on the road and no other suitable supervisory options are available.</i>
13.6.3	163	Verbal Misconduct Refrain from making disparaging public comments on officiating to the media.	Verbal Misconduct Refrain from M making disparaging public comments on officiating to the media.
Appendix C 1A.3	198	3) Bat is available for play (no cracks, rattles...)	3)Bat is suitable available for play (no cracks, rattles...)