

## Updates from the 2015 NSA Convention

### Rule Changes for 2016 (Identified from the 2015 NSA Rule Book)

- Page 84, section 2 **Shall read:** An appeal may be made after the 3<sup>rd</sup> out, to negate a run if made properly.
- Page 107, section 5, (e) If the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is declared on an appeal play resulting in a force out, it takes precedence if enforcing would negate a score.
- (f) When there is more than 1 out to end the half inning (i.e. the 4<sup>th</sup> out appeal) the defensive team may choose the out which is to their advantage.
- Page 88, section 32 (c) **Add the words:** or non-approved bat, to the end of letter c.
- Page 90, section 54 **Delete:** This would involve the last batter of the previous inning, whose turn at bat had been completed, assuming a position on second base.  
**Shall read:** This would involve the last recorded out, assuming a position on second base.
- Page 97, section 6 (b) **Shall read:** No player will be permitted to wear pants or shorts with the main color of the leg being “optic yellow” or “lime green” or any similar color that would resemble the softball. “Optic yellow” or “lime green” pinstripes or side leg trim will be allowed.
- Page 97, section 6 (c) **Shall read:** Players may wear multi-colored undergarments under their uniform shirts or shorts.
- Page 100, section 2 (d) **Delete the word:** “Offense”
- Page 100, section 4 **Re-number guest player rule:** Clarifying that not all States offer the guest player.
- Page 101, section 7 **Shall read:** 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is immediate ejection of the coach or manager.
- Page 105, section 3 (b) **Shall read:** At the conclusion of the coin toss, both coaches will be advised that the clock will start immediately, and the umpire will have the official time.
- Page 123, section 8(j) **Delete sentence:** The pitcher must have the ball in his/her possession inside the 16 foot circle.
- Page 125, section 8(z) **Delete:** Keep the first 3 sentences and delete the rest.  
**Change:** The defensive player can use the orange bag on a dropped third strike. In this situation, the batter/runner is required to use the white bag if the orange bag is occupied by the defensive player.
- Page 138, section 1(e) **Delete:** the word DH, and replace with “Twin”.

### Umpire changes for 2016

- 1) There was approval for a black NSA/BPA shirt for umpires in 2016. Umpires may continue to wear the white shirt, but during all 2-man games, both umpires must match. You may also order the shirt with the NSA or BPA logo, and may use either logo for either program. The hat must conform to the program.
- 2) All NSA/BPA will wear the charcoal or heather pants. This includes slow pitch as well. The shorts will still be black. This is not optional.
- 3) Umpire Sanction Fees will remain at \$40 for the first program. If an umpire wants to officiate any of the other programs, there will be an additional \$5 for each program, payable to that program's UIC.
- 4) We will be testing a new mechanic for the base umpire, at selected events. These events must be approved by the State Director before the event. Documentation must be provided at the conclusion of the event, in order to evaluate this mechanic. The mechanic allows the base umpire to start in the "B" slot. This will be discussed at clinics.
- 5) **The NSA/BPA Zone meeting will be in Michigan City, at the Blue Chip Casino this year. This year the Zone meeting is open to all umpires from all three programs. This is a very convenient location for all of us, and I encourage you all to attend. I will be sending all of the details out as soon as they have been made available. Block the date of 29-31, 2016.**
- 6) Congratulations to Mike Dellarocco, being named 2015 National Fast Pitch Umpire of the Year!