**Rule 1, Section 44:** Obstruction is the act of: A defensive team member who hinders or impedes a batter’s attempt to make contact with a pitched ball or who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner legally running the bases, unless the fielder is in possession of the ball, fielding a batted ball or executing a play.

 **Rationale:** To have definition coincide with the Rule 6, Section 5b

**Rule 5, Section 1:** No tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes (vaping), are allowed in the dugouts or on the field for all NSA youth programs.

 **Rationale:** Addition of tobacco like product prohibited in NSA

**Rule 6, Section 1(a):** The pitcher shall take a position with both feet on the ground and one or both feet in contact with the pitching plate. The non-pivot foot may be on or behind the pitching plate as far back as desired, however, once the toe is set, no movement further backwards is allowed.

 **Rationale:** Revises the Pitching Requirements

**Rule 6, Section 1(b):** Both feet must be on the ground and within the 24” pitching plate, hips aligned with first and third base, with the hands separated and the ball being held in either the glove or pitching hand.

 **Rationale:** Revises the Pitching Requirements

Rule 4, Section 4: Improper use of the Guest Player(s) will fall under the definition of an Ineligible Player (Rule 1, Section 35). Please refer to the Fast Pitch Bylaws for using Guest Player(s) properly.

**8U program:** Addition of Modified-Player/Coach Pitch division. Rules will be added in the 2020 NSA rule book.

 Rationale: Player Pitch/Coach Pitch is a combined program for players transitioning from coach pitch to player pitch.