



2024 NSA Fast Pitch Rule Changes as of November 8, 2023 Convention Vote  
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Rule 1, Section 11: Change: Batting order definition to 'during any NSA Fast Pitch tournament, it is optional to bat the entire line up.'

Rationale: Coaches now have option to bat entire line up during any part of an NSA Fast Pitch tournament.

Rule 1, Section 41: Remove: The LEAP definition.

Rationale: To be in compliance with new pitching rule

Rule 3, Section K: Remove:  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch knob protrusion requirement.

Rationale: Manufacturer designed new bat handles

Rule 4, Section 3 Exception: Remove: 'During Pool Play only'

Rationale: Teams now have the option to bat their entire line up

Rule 6, Section 4: Change: The pivot foot does not have to drag or maintain contact with the ground.

Rationale: Rule change



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### 8u All Divisions

Rule 1, Section 1, Letter (a): Change: A 5<sup>th</sup> pitch foul ball will allow one (1) additional pitch to the batter, if the ball is not put into play, the batter is declared out.

Rationale: Rule change per coaches' input

Rule 1, Section 1, Letter (f): Change: Runners may only lead off base when the coach is pitching, they may not steal.

Rationale: Rule change per coaches' input

Rule 1, Section 1 Letter (i): Change: 'hit by pitch, if the batter is struck by a pitch, a ball is called. If the batter is struck by a second pitch within the same at bat, they shall be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.' After the third pitch that hits a batter, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the inning.

Rationale: Rule change per coaches' input

Rule 1, Section 1: Change: Tournament Director has the option of extending time limit to seventy-five (75) minutes.

Rationale: Rule change per coaches' input

Rule 1, Section 1, Letter (new): Add: International Tie-Breaker: If the game is tied at the end of seven (7) innings or the time limit has expired, the international tie-breaker rule will be implemented. The last recorded out shall be placed at second base with zero (0) outs and no count on the batter. The inning will end after 3 outs or eight (8) runs have been scored.

Rationale: Rule change per coaches' input