

# WAIVERS - NYSPHSAA SOFTBALL PLAYING RULES

WITH INTERPRETATION AND COMMENTARY

# ADDING/CORRECTING A PLAYER/SUBSTITUTE TO THE LINEUP CARD

- NFHS 3-1-3: If a player/substitute is added to the lineup card, the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach of the team involved. Any further changes made to a player/substitute name or number results in the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench area for the remainder of the game.
- NYS: No penalty or restriction to correcting a name/number or adding a player to the lineup once it is official

# DEFENSIVE REPORTING

- NFHS: No rule
- NYS: Defensive changes involving the pitcher and catcher must be reported to the plate umpire
  - Failure to report will be treated the same as an “unreported substitution”

# EXTRA PLAYER

- NFHS: No such rule (in FP)
- NYS: Consistent with USA Softball
  - An extra player may be used in addition to the routine lineup and may be used in conjunction with the DP/Flex

# SHORTHANDED

- NFHS: Must have 9 players to start
- NYS: May start the game shorthanded with 8 players
  - The game may start with 8 players
  - A team may finish with one less player than it started with, except in the case of ejection; but the team may never finish with fewer than 8 players
    - Note: Dropping a DP or Flex and going from 10 players to 9 players is a separate rule entirely and not contemplated here

# FITNESS OF THE GROUNDS

- NFHS 4-1-1: The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game
- NYS: Fitness of the grounds for a game will be determined by the plate umpire...
  - ... in consultation with all umpires

# TIE GAME

- NFHS 4-2-2
- NYS: Suspended games shall be resumed from the exact point where they were stopped. An official game that is tied and suspended shall resume at the exact point it was stopped and proceed in accordance with NYS tie breaker procedures if necessary.

# TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURE

- NFHS 4-2-5: If a regulation called game has a tie score when ended, it is a tie game unless the state association has any prescribed game-ending procedures.
- NYS: The tie-breaker rule, consistent with USA Softball 5-11-a,b, shall be imposed beginning in the top of the 10<sup>th</sup> inning



# TEMPORARY DISABLED PLAYER RULE

- NFHS: No ADA/Temporary Disabled Player Rule
- NYS: Consistent with USA Softball 4-2 and NYSSO interpretations

# DOUBLE FIRST BASE

- NFHS: Permitted by state association adoption
- NYS: Consistent with USA Softball 2-3-h

# INTENTIONAL WALK

- NFHS 2-65-2; 8-1-1-c
  - Automatic intentional walk permitted if requested by the pitcher, catcher or defensive coach
- NYS: Consistent with USA Softball 6-4
  - If the pitcher desires to walk a batter intentionally, she must legally deliver 4 pitches