

Softball Announcements

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NFHS Softball Bat Compliance

USA Softball, the national governing body utilized by NFHS Softball to certify bats, has informed the NFHS that the Suncoast Model SBFPB-10 bat has been placed on the Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks. Effective immediately, this bat is not compliant for use under NFHS softball rules.

NFHS Softball Questionnaire

The annual NFHS Softball Questionnaire will be emailed to coaches and umpires. This survey helps decision makers on the softball rules committee be informed of how past rules changes are being implemented and provides information on trending topics within the game. Be on the lookout for this email and complete the questionnaire by the given deadline.

Covering the Rules of Softball

SITUATION: With no outs, B1 is at bat in the right hand batter's box and hits a ball that goes directly off home plate and settles in front of home plate between the batter's boxes. As B1 is starting to run to first base their right foot contacts the ball. The plate umpire rules this a foul ball as B1's left foot is still within the batter's box when contact was made with the batted ball.

RULING: Incorrect ruling. Once the ball is contacted by B1 in fair territory outside of their batter's box it is a fair ball. Since B1 has now hit a fair ball they become a batter-runner and are ruled out for making contact with a fair batted ball before reaching first base. (2-20-1a, 2-20-1d, 8-1-1a, 8-2-7e)

SITUATION: With no outs and a 0 ball, 1 strike count, B1 is at bat in the right hand batter's box and hits a ball that drops off the bat and settles within the right handed batter's box. The ball is in the front right corner, nearest home plate, of the batter's box. As B1 begins to run there is contact between B1 and the batted ball. The plate umpire rules B1 out since the ball was in a portion of the batter's box that is in fair territory when contact was made. **RULING:** Incorrect ruling.

Although this would normally be a fair ball as it was first touched on or over fair territory between home and third base, rule 7-2-1f specifies that when contact between a batter and a batted ball occurs within the batter's box it is a foul ball. In this case, the correct ruling is a foul ball and B1 remains at bat with a 0 ball, 2 strike count. (2-25-1d, 2-25-1f, 7-2-1f)

Scores and Schedules

Please continue to update your scores and schedules.

Team Picture

Please have a team picture done sometime soon if you have not already. A team picture will be needed for state qualifiers.