

12. **Courtesy runner:** An unlimited number of courtesy runners may be used per inning. A player may only be used as a courtesy runner once per inning (except Women 70+ and 75+ which a player can be a courtesy runner as many times as needed per inning). A courtesy runner may not be replaced by another courtesy runner except for injury causing removal of the original courtesy runner permanently from the game. A courtesy runner on base when it is his/her turn at bat will be declared out as the runner. Another courtesy runner may not be used to circumvent this rule.
13. **Team clothing:** Must be of like design and color. An Arabic whole number (0-99) of contrasting color, or outlined in contrasting color, at least 6 inches high must be visible on the back of uniform shirts. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers. Sponsors may be added to jersey but cannot interfere with number placement. Uniforms shall be free of inappropriate symbols or wording.
14. **Legal Pitching Height:** The ball must be delivered with perceptible arc and reach a height of at least 6' (feet) from the ground, while not exceeding a maximum height of 12' (feet) from the ground.
15. **Official Softball:** The men's divisions will play 12-inch slow pitch (.44 core and a compression rating of no more than 375 psi). The women's divisions will play 11-inch slow pitch (.47 core and a compression rating of no more than 525 psi).
16. **Bat Rules:** All bats with a *BPF of 1.21 or less will be legal for play. All bats used in play must be stamped with a BPF of 1.21 or less, and must have either a manufacturer installed non-slip grip surface, or a minimum of one wrap of tape. Bats without the BPF stamped on the bat will be considered illegal. A bat is not required to bear an USA Softball certification mark.
Note: this rule is an approved exception to the USA Softball bat policy and will be utilized in state qualifying games and the 2021 National Senior Games. All bats models approved for senior play by ISA, ISSA, SPA and SS-USA will be allowed for tournament play in NSGA.
17. **Field Dimensions:** State qualifying games and the 2021 National Senior Games will utilize a double first base, second home plate, 30-foot commitment line between third base and home plate and a 6 foot pitching box. A field diagram with dimensions is included in the USA Softball rulebook (with the exception of the 6 foot pitching box and strike zone mat). If in the National Chair's and tournament director's discretion, such an adjustment is feasible, base paths will be 70' for men's age divisions 50 to 65+. The base paths will be 65 feet for men 70+ and all women's age divisions.
18. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any player, coach, captain, non-bench personnel or team that displays unsportsmanlike conduct on or off of the playing field, including but not limited to abusive/foul language, harassment of tournament officials/umpires, interference during the seeding process may be ejected from the facility and eliminated from the competition.