



# NSA Canada

## Rule Changes for 2022



### Rule 4

The following note and exception have been added to the start of the rule:

NOTE IV: Courtesy runners may be used at the discretion of league executive or tournament organizers. When in use Rule 4 Section 7 applies.

EXCEPTION: Courtesy runners MAY NOT be used in World Series level events, NO EXCEPTIONS. This includes provincial championship and national championship events

A new section has also been added:

#### Rule 4 Section 7

1. Each team can use up to 3 courtesy runners per game
2. Courtesy runners may be anyone on the team's roster
3. Courtesy runners MUST be the same gender as the person being run for
4. If the courtesy runner is on base when they are due up to bat, they will be declared out as a batter and will remain on the base currently occupied
5. Courtesy runners may be replaced with another courtesy runner. This runner would count as an additional runner against the team's allotment
6. A substitute may be made for the ORIGINAL RUNNER to replace the courtesy runner

### Rule 5

The following section has been revised as follows:

#### Rule 5 Section 10

NOTE I: The one up rule is in effect only after both teams have reached their home run limit. Once both teams have reached their home run limit, either team may hit an additional home run, however, no team may ever go more than one home run up on the other team. Any additional home runs above the one up will be scored an out. Exception: If the visiting team is even or up one home run on the home team in the bottom of the last inning or any extra innings, the home team may hit only one home run in that inning.





## Rule 8

Note II has been revised for this rule as follows:

Note II: A temporary runner may be used for the pitcher if he/she is on base with two (2) out and is using protective equipment. This rule only applies to the pitcher if he/she was the pitcher at the end of the previous inning or was declared to be the starting pitcher to the home plate umpire if this is the top of the first inning.

1. The temporary runner must be of the last available runner of the same gender as the pitcher
2. Once a pitcher uses a temporary runner, he/she MUST continue to use a runner for the remainder of the game
3. Once a pitcher refuses to use a temporary runner, he/she MAY NOT use a temporary runner for the remainder of the game
4. A temporary runner will not be counted as a courtesy runner, if in use

## Rule 11

Section 5 of this rule has been revised as follows:

Rule 11 Section 5

d. In post season play, protests concerning player eligibility must be filed before the first pitch of the top of the fifth inning.

EXCEPTION: If a player is added to the line-up card after the top of the fifth inning, that player or players may be protested up to the end of the game. The end of the game is defined as when the umpire(s) have left the playing field, or the umpire has started the next game (Rule 5 Section 3 note 1 page 13)

## Rule 1

Section 12 has been revised as follows:

Rule 1 Section 12

CHARGED CONFERENCE: A charged conference takes place when:

- a. Defensive conference – when any member of the defensive team requests a suspension of play or delays resumption of play for an extended length of time to have a meeting on the field. The conference is charged against the pitcher in the game at the time play was suspended. It is not a charged conference if the pitcher is changed because of the meeting. It is not a charged conference if the defensive team confers while the offensive team is in conference.
- b. Offensive conference – when any member of the offensive team requests a suspension of play or delays resumption of play for an extended length of time to confer with a batter or baserunner. The conference is charged against the current batter at the time play was suspended. It is not a charged conference if the offensive team confers while the defensive team is in conference.



**All the above rule updates and additions are in effect for the 2022 slo-pitch season**