



NSA CANADA RULE CHANGES 2025



Rule 3, Sec 3

GLOVES MAY BE WORN by any player. Multicoloured gloves are acceptable for all players, including the pitcher.

Rule 4 Sec 6

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES AND PLAYER SAFETY PROCEDURES: When a player is bleeding, or has a open wound, the bleeding must be stopped and the open wound covered with a bandage/dressing strong enough to withstand the rigors of competition. This treatment **MUST** be immediate and the affected player **MUST** be replaced by anyone of the same gender who is not in the batting line up, for one inning. This is not considered a substitution nor a courtesy runner.

If a player has suffered a significant blow to the head, then the player in question must be replaced by anyone of the same gender who is not in the batting line up, for one inning. Return to the line up for the original player is at their discretion. Note that NSA umpires and officials do not have any medical training where it pertains to concussion protocol and the safety of individual players is ultimately their responsibility.

NOTE: One inning shall consist of the current half inning plus the next half inning of the game. At this point if the player cannot continue due to blood a substitution must be made. The substitution does not have to be the player originally used. Rule 4, Section 6 is not a point of protest.

Rule 5, Sec 3

a. A game that is tied at the end of seven (7) innings, shall be continued by playing additional innings or until the home team has scored more runs in their half of the inning before the third out is made.

Addition to Rule 5

h. Tie breaker rule. Starting in the top of the eighth (8) inning, and in each half inning thereafter, the team at bat shall start with the last player at bat in the previous inning at second base. All regular substitution rules shall apply to this runner. There are no outs.

EXCEPTION: The tie breaker rule **MAY NOT** be used in World Series level events, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This includes all provincial championship and national championship events.

Rule 7, Sec 1

f. Batters in NSA Canada play shall start each at bat with a one (1) ball and one (1) strike count.

Rule 8 - BASERUNNING

NOTE II: A temporary runner must be used for the pitcher if he/she is on base with two (2) out and is using removable protective equipment as defined in Rule 3, Section 7. This rule only applies to the pitcher if he/she was the pitcher at the end of the previous half-inning or was declared to be the starting pitcher to the home plate umpire if this is the top of the first inning.

a) The temporary runner may be any available player of the same gender as the pitcher on the team's roster.

b) A temporary runner will not be counted as a courtesy runner, if in use.

NOTE: Refusal to use a temporary runner shall result in the pitcher being declared out. An umpire must have offered this runner to the pitcher and have it refused to record this out.

