

## **2019 NGSА Rule Changes/Additions**

Below is a list of rules that have been changed, or added, to the 2018 fall -2019 spring NGSА Official Baseball Rules. The reference number for each rule change/addition has also been provided. Please refer NGSА Official Baseball Rules for the full explanation of all rules.

### **Rule 1 – Playing Field, Equipment & Safety**

**Addition 1.8 Thrown Bats:** The first time a batter throw their bat and it hits, or in the umpires judgment comes close to hitting, another player, coach or umpire on the field of play, both teams will receive a warning. For each occurrence after the warning, from either team, that batter shall be called out.

### **Rule 4 – The 4U & 6U Tee-Ball Divisions**

**Addition 4.1:** The field will no longer include a pitcher’s circle, and will now represent a twenty foot (20’) fair ball arc instead of a five foot (5’) fair ball arc.

**Rule Changed 4.4:** Any time the pitcher fields a batted ball he/she must attempt a throw to put out the batter/runner or any other runner on base. Running to and tagging a base or base runner is prohibited and shall not count as an out.

**Rule Changed 4.7:** A batted ball must travel past the twenty foot (20’) fair ball arc to be considered a fair ball.

### **Rule 7 – The 12U Division**

**Addition 7.3:** In the 12U Division, and during the regular season, a team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning. Notice in the tournament section of the rules that this limit goes away during the end of season tournament.

### **Rule 9 – Tournament Pitching Rules**

**Change/Addition 9.5G Pitch Count:** NGSА will now use the USSSA pitching rules during the end of season tournament with one exception; along with the USSSA sanctioned limit of “innings” you can pitch in one day and be available to pitch the next day, there will also be a limited number of pitches the players will also have to stay under in one day and be available to pitch the next day. (See the table in the Rules for both)

### **Rule 10 – Post Season Play**

**Addition 10.3B Deadlines:** Any team that participated in the State Tournament has until the Friday immediately following the conclusion of the State tournament to inform the league of their intent regarding the World Series.

### **Rule 13 – Protests, Sportsmanship & Ejections**

**Addition 13.3A Ejections:** Any person ejected or removed from a game shall immediately remove themselves from the vicinity of all playing fields and grandstand areas for the remainder of that day.

**Addition 13.3A Exception:** And ejected party can appeal their ejection to any present parties of the Rules and Discipline Committee, or the league president, if they happen to be around at the time of the ejection. If R&D parties or the president are present and able to hear the ejected party’s appeal, they, or the President alone, may grant the ejected party’s appeal and allow him/her to be able to be on the field of play or grandstand area for any game after the one he/she was ejected in.

**Addition 13.3E:** If a coach is ejected from a game, the team shall not be allowed to replace the ejected party and must continue the game with the number of coaches remaining.