



## 2022 Rule Change Summary

### Softball

Change From	Change To
Old Formatting	See also date change at footer to reflect October 2022
Federation Name Change: International Softball Federation	New Name: World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)
6.1.5.1.3 Description: Bases are set up like a baseball diamond and positioned 19.81 meters (65 feet) apart. The athlete is instructed to start on home plate, and run around the bases as fast as possible, touching each base en route. See Addendum A.	<b>ADD:</b> Addendum A Diagram on Page 74
6.1.5.2 Diagram	<b>CHANGE:</b> Moved diagram to Addendum B Added the 10m mark to diagram
6.1.5.2.3 Description: The player being tested stands behind the restraining line, back far enough to take one or more steps in preparation for throwing. The player has two trials to throw the softball as far and as straight as possible down the throwing line, without stepping over the restraining line. Coaches, assistants or other waiting players should be positioned in the field to indicate, using a cone or marking stake, the spot where each ball first touches the ground. The better of the two throws is measured and recorded as the player's score. If a player steps on or over the line before releasing the ball, the trial must be repeated. There will be a maximum of two repeats.	<b>CHANGE:</b> 6.1.5.2.3 Description: The player being tested stands behind the restraining line, back far enough to take one or more steps in preparation for throwing. The player has two trials to throw the softball as far and as straight as possible down the throwing line, without stepping over the restraining line. <del>Four coaches</del> assistants <del>or other waiting players</del> should be positioned in the field to indicate, stand on opposite sides of the throwing line, at the 50m and 20m mark, near the 6m error mark. The nearest assistant will indicate, using a cone or marking stake, the spot where each ball first touches the ground. The better of the two throws is measured and recorded as the player's score. If a player steps on or over the line before releasing the ball, the trial must be repeated.



	<p>There will be a maximum of two repeats. <b>See Addendum B.</b></p> <p>Diagram is added in Addendum B.</p>
<p>6.1.5.3.3 Description: The athlete will stand between and behind the two cones. The official must throw the ball on the ground to the athlete, between the cones. The throw to the athlete must hit the ground before the 6.10-meter (20-inch) chalk mark. The athlete may move aggressively toward the ball. If the thrown ball is outside of the cones, the throw must be repeated. Each athlete gets five fielding attempts per trial. Each athlete receives two trials.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE/ADD:</b> 6.1.5.3.3 Description: <b>Two cones are placed 10 feet apart and 85 feet away from the official. A line is drawn 20 feet away from the official (65 feet from the cones).</b> The athlete will stand between and behind the two cones. The official must throw the ball on the ground to the athlete, between the cones. The throw to the athlete must hit the ground before the 6.10-meter (20-inch) chalk mark. The athlete may move aggressively toward the ball. If the thrown ball is outside of the cones, the throw must be repeated. Each athlete gets five fielding attempts per trial. Each athlete receives two trials. <b>See Addendum C.</b></p> <p>Diagram is added in Addendum C</p>
<p>7.2.1 The field shall conform to ISF standards, with the following modifications:</p> <p>10.1.4 May loosen up with no more than two official softball bats, an approved warm-up bat, or a combination not to exceed two. Note: A bat with which the On-Deck Batter is loosening up may not have anything attached to it other than an ISF approved bat attachment.</p>	<p><b>CHANGE:</b> 7.2.1 The field shall conform to <b>NGB ISF</b> standards, with the following modifications:</p> <p>10.1.4 May loosen up with no more than two official softball bats, an approved warm-up bat, or a combination not to exceed two. Note: A bat with which the On-Deck Batter is loosening up may not have anything attached to it other than an <b>NGB ISF</b> approved bat attachment.</p>
<p>12.3 Delayed Dead Ball</p> <p>There are five situations when a violation of the rule occurs. An umpire recognizes it and the ball remains live until the conclusion of the play. These situations are:</p>	<p><b>CHANGE:</b> 12.3 Delayed Dead Ball</p> <p>There are <b>four</b> situations when a violation of the rule occurs. An umpire recognizes it and the ball remains live until the conclusion of the play. These situations are:</p>



<p>16.2.4 d. Should a policy of meaningful inclusion be enforced, whereby every eligible and able-bodied athlete and/or Unified partner participate in each game, a coach can file a protest if the opposing team did not follow the policy. Exception: if the coach notified the opposing team, umpire and scorekeeper prior to or during the game that the athlete or Unified partner would not participate. Protest (i.e. due to medical reasons) would follow procedures in accordance with Article I, with penalties and consequences to be determined by the Sports Rules Committee, Games Rules Committee or Games Management Team</p>	<p><b>CHANGE:</b> 16.2.4 <del>d.</del> Should a policy of meaningful inclusion be enforced, whereby every eligible and able-bodied athlete and/or Unified partner participate in each <b>regulation 7-inning game</b>, a coach can file a protest if the opposing team did not follow the policy. Exception: if the coach notified the opposing team, umpire and scorekeeper prior to or during the game that the athlete or Unified partner would not participate. Protest (i.e. due to medical reasons) would follow procedures in accordance with Article I, with penalties and consequences to be determined by the Sports Rules Committee, Games Rules Committee or Games Management Team.</p>
	<p><b>ADD:</b> Addendum A – F</p> <p>Addendum A – Softball Individual Skill Base Running</p> <p>Addendum B – Softball Individual Skills Throwing</p> <p>Addendum C – Softball Individual Skills Fielding</p> <p>Addendum D – Softball Individuals Skills Hitting</p> <p>Addendum E – Base Race Diagram</p> <p>Addendum F – Bat for Distance Diagram</p>