

## 2003 SOFTBALL RULE REVISIONS

<b>6-2-6</b>	Clarifies that when a ball slips from the pitcher's hand, the batter may legally swing at a ball that has an opportunity to be struck rather than an automatic "ball" being called.
<b>10-4-2 NOTE</b>	Deleted State Adoption permitting a state to determine umpire uniform.

## MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

<b>1-1-6</b>	Changed the word "embossed" to "permanent" in regards to the requirements for batting helmets. This is consistent with the NOCSAE standard.
<b>1-4-2</b>	Changed middle of paragraph to "...or have the entire play nullified. (8-8-15)." Deleted "or having the award for use of an illegal glove or mitt imposed." Makes wording consistent with 8-8-15.
<b>2-10-1</b>	Changed the rule describing the status of a collapsible fence to, "which is not completely horizontal."
<b>Rule 7</b>	Several areas in Rule 7 were edited to include "Effects."
<b>7-1-2b EXP</b>	Deleted the last sentence of the old exception that stated, "An out for batting out of order supersedes an out by the improper batter on the play," and clarified in an "Effect."
<b>8-6-10</b>	Added a note before the penalty referring to jumping, hurdling and leaping, which was inadvertently left out when Rule 8 was rewritten.
<b>Suggested Double First Base Rules</b>	Removed "Suggested Double First Base Rules" from the back of the book. Rules for utilizing the double first base are contained in Rule 8-2-12 and 13.