

Points of Emphasis

- 1. Video and Audio Usage
- 2. Players and Coaches Apparel
- 3. Pitching Rules Enhanced
- 4. Sportsmanship
- 5. Gamesmanship vs. Travesty



PLAY.
PERFORM.
COMPETE.
TOGETHER.

Rules Revisions

1.

A larger 18-inch-square single first base is permissible as an alternative to the double first base previously approved to go into effect in 2027.
2.

Effective January 1, 2028, USA Baseball will assume bat-testing standards. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet either the USA Baseball Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (USA Baseball BBCOR) of .50, or the USA Baseball Bat Performance Standard (-4, -5, -6).
3.

Eye shade must be a solid stroke and not include words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.
4.

One-way communication equipment usage from a coach to the catcher has been extended to the pitcher as well. Either one or both player(s) may have one-way electronic communication access from the coach in the dugout or bench area.
5.

High school players are not permitted to wear any audio or video equipment for the purpose of broadcasting or live recording while actively participating in the contest.
6.

Coaches are allowed to use a handheld electronic scoring device or other scoring material while in the coach's box.
7.

By state association adoption, as a tiebreaker to send a regulation game, an option is now available to start each half-inning with a runner on second base.

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