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### **2011 SOFTBALL RULES CHANGES**

- 3-1-3 Penalty** Added a new penalty of a team warning and then restriction to the dugout/bench area for a head coach who submits a lineup card that must be subsequently corrected with a proper name/number or substitutes added.
- 3-3-9; 10-2-3k** Changed the guidelines and procedures for identifying and removing a player who exhibits signs, symptoms and/or behaviors consistent with a concussion.
- 8-6-18** Changed that intent need not be the determining factor in ruling whether interference has occurred by a runner who has scored/been retired.

### **2011 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES**

- 1-4** Reorganized the glove rule and clarified that any gray, white or optic colored marking that gives the appearance of a ball is not permitted.
- 2-24-4** Added the exception of touching home to clarify the force-play reinstatement rule.
- 3-2-13** Clarified the padding requirements for guards, casts and braces.
- 6-2-2; 6-4-5** Clarified that powdered resin or any comparable drying agent is permitted.
- 6-5 New** Moved the ball-rotation procedure from 4-1-4 to new 6-5.

### **2011 POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

1. Sportsmanship
2. Team and Player Equipment
3. Field of Play
4. Game Management

### **2010 AND 2011 MAJOR MANUAL REVISIONS**

1. Navy blue slacks were added as a uniform option.
2. Positioning for a field umpire was changed back to being no closer than 18 feet from the base for force plays.
3. Between innings, the plate umpire will now take a position facing the field at the first baseline extended when the team in the first base dugout is coming to bat and the third baseline extended when the team in the third base dugout is coming to bat.