

JSA 2020 New and Updated Rules Summary

New Rules

Masks-

All pitchers will be required to wear a protective mask effective in the 2020 season. No mask, no pitch. A team with no pitcher will make the team forfeit. To ease this transition, JSA will provide a mask for each field to be kept with the umpire. Masks will be shared between teams and remain with the umpire for the next game. Please encourage your pitchers to try out the masks and get a feel for their use. Alcohol wipes will be available to clean the mask before you use it.

Stealing-

Due to the encouraged social/physical distancing of the catcher from the batter, stealing will not be allowed for the 2020 season in the men's league.

Updated Rules

Bats-

JSA will allow multi-wall/composite bats for use by women only in Coed. JDOA will handle like any other use of an illegal bat, the batter is out. The umpire will make the ruling when the player enters the batter's box with illegal bat (multiwall or composite bat used by men in coed league). The batter does not have to take a pitch and the other team does not need to point out the illegal bat

Courtesy Runners-

Teams will be allowed one courtesy runner per inning. The same person may be the courtesy runner more than once. A man must courtesy for a man and a woman for a woman in Coed. Coed now allows one courtesy runner each gender per inning (New USA Softball 2020 Rule 8, Section 9B [2])

Game Score Reporting-

The winning team manager is required to email (preferred) or call the game score in to the JSA office prior to 9 p.m. the next day, including weekends and holidays.

Sub Rule-

Teams in the lowest division can pick up 2 subs from the next highest division. **Coed must maintain legal male/female ratio according to JSA rules and players must fit within your classification guidelines.