2007 SOFTBALL RULES CHANGES

2-36; 2-47-2,3; 8-4-3b; 8-6-10a
Established guidelines for interference and obstruction when contact occurs between a base runner and a fielder on a non-controlled batted ball. A new definition for an “Initial Play” was also created.

3-6-17 Penalty
Penalty changed for intentionally removing a boundary line after a team warning to now include the subsequent offender.

2007 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

2-15 New
New definition for “Confines of the Field” created.

3-6-18 Penalty
Clarified penalty for malicious contact by a fielder.

7-3; 7-4
Articles relating to a batter being out moved from section on Batting Infractions to Batter is Out.

8-2-5
Clarified location of the batter-runner as it relates to the running-lane interference.

8-6-10d
Clarified that any intentional interference by a runner will result in an out.

8-10; 1-2-1 Note
Double first base section and note expanded and clarified.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Concussions
2. Batter Delays
3. Obstruction/Interference
4. Equipment Inspection