

## WELCOME TO THE WILDEST, MOST ENTERTAINING NSA SOFTBALL EVENT EVER!

### Think Banana Ball — NSA Softball style.

Teams are encouraged to add their own entertainment!! In between innings, after the catcher "Throws Down" teams will have 1 minute to do a routine to their own music. It's not required every inning or at all. Just something for them to do if they should choose.

### 🍌 2026 BANANA RULES — FASTPITCH EDITION

These rules supplement official NSA Softball rules.

When in doubt, umpires rule based on the *spirit of the game*: fast, fun, and full of chaos.

#### 👁️ SPECTATORS

Sit behind your team's dugout or directly behind home plate.

No mixing with the opponent's side.

Unsafe or aggressive fan behavior = removal behind the outfield fence.

Refusal to comply → Team Forfeit.

#### 🏆 1 RULE ONE — WIN THE INNING, WIN THE POINT

Each pool play inning = 1 point.

Score more runs → win the inning → earn the point.

In the final inning, every run counts.

Home team walk-off = inning ends instantly.

Pool play games may end in a tie.

#### 🕒 RULE TWO — TIME LIMITS

10U–18U: 1 hour 15 minutes

#### ✖ RULE THREE — NO STEPPING OUT

Step out of the box → automatic strike.

One team warning.

Umpires may allow time for injury or equipment only.

#### 🚫 RULE FOUR — BUNTING

Any foul bunt attempt → OUT.

Fair bunt with runner safe at first, batter/runner advances to 2nd and all other runners advance if forced.

### **RULE FIVE — STEAL FIRST BASE**

On *any* pitch — passed ball, wild pitch, anything.

A step toward first = declaring your attempt.

Once live → standard softball rules apply.

### **RULE SIX — NO WALKS ALLOWED (THE SPRINT)**

Ball Four = THE SPRINT

Batter takes off immediately.

1B, 2B, SS, 3B, C must touch the ball *once* (no possession needed) before it becomes live.

Defense does not need to be in their positions to touch the ball.

All baserunners may advance at their own risk.

Once live → traditional softball rules resume.

### **RULE SEVEN — NO MOUND VISITS**

No coach, catcher, or player may visit the mound.

Injuries/safety only.

Unapproved mound visit = pitcher removed.

### **RULE EIGHT — FANS CAN RECORD OUTS**

A fan catches a foul ball in the air → OUT.

Must be a clean catch — not off fences, nets, sheds, etc.

Unsafe fan behavior = relocation or removal.

Coaches are NOT considered fans.

### **RULE NINE — THE GOLDEN BATTER**

Once per game, send ANY hitter up at ANY point.

Does *not* replace the lineup — it inserts.

Last batted out becomes the runner for Golden Batter situations.

### **RULE TEN — BRACKET PLAY**

Bracket games = traditional NSA Softball rules.

BANANA RULES ARE POOL PLAY ONLY.

### **WHO'S READY TO GO BANANAS WITH NSA SOFTBALL?!**