

## Softball Announcements

**March 27, 2023**

### **Non-Compliant Bat Notice:**

USA Softball, the certification body used by NFHS Softball to approve bats, has informed us that a bat has been placed into the market that bears the USA Certification mark, but has not completed the certification process. The manufacturer is Data Driven Athletics, and the bat model is PI 3.14159. Photos of the bat are shown below for reference. Until bats are certified by USA Softball, they are not compliant for use under NFHS softball rules.



### **Scores and Schedules**

Athletic Directors and coaches are encouraged to input their entire schedule as soon as possible. This is done through the win/loss form under your KSHSAA website login.

### **Covering the Rules of Softball**

**Situation:** With R1 on first base and no outs, B2 hits the ball to F4 who steps on second base to retire R1 and B2 is safe at first base. As R1 continues running toward their third base dugout, F4 throws the ball back to F1. F1 seeing R1 continuing to run toward third, throws the ball to F5 at third base while B2 remains at first base. The umpire rules that although the retired R1 continued to run drawing a throw, there was no play to interfere with as B2 remained at first base so there is no violation. **RULING:** Correct ruling. Rule 8-6-16c states that a runner continuing to run and drawing a throw “may be considered” a form of interference. In this case, since there was no play to interfere with it should not be considered interference. (8-6-16; 8-6-16c)

**Situation:** With R1 on first base and no outs, B2 has a 0 ball 2 strike count when they swing at the next pitch that F2 does not catch. B2 as a normal reaction to a dropped third strike begins running to first base, the plate umpire announces, “Batter is out, Batter is out”. R1 seeing the ball is dropped attempts to steal second base. F2 throws the ball toward F3 but overthrows them resulting in the ball ending up in right field. R1 seeing the overthrow continues to third base, B2 realizes about halfway to first base that they are out and begins moving toward the first base dugout. The umpire rules that R1 is out since B2 was out on the pitch and still ran drawing a throw to first base. **RULING:** Incorrect ruling. Rule 8-6-16c has an exception that it is not interference if a batter-runner mistakenly runs on a dropped third strike and draws a throw. As long as B2 only drew a throw and did not commit an act of interference (example: being hit by the throw to F3 attempting to make a play on R1 coming back to first base) they would not be guilty of interference. (8-6-16c)

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