



**SOFTBALL SUSPENDED GAME RULE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT GAMES**

All NJSIAA post season tournament softball games must be played to the full seven innings (turns at bat) unless extra innings are necessary because of a tie score, or unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it. The exception to this is the 10-run rule that the state association has adopted.

**Protests to the NJSIAA (4-4-1) are not permitted.**

**HANDLING EJECTED PLAYER**

- A. It is the coach's responsibility to provide proper supervision of all players at all times.
- B. NJSIAA procedures will supersede a playing rule which requires a coach or player to leave the premises upon Disqualification; therefore, a player will be confined to the bench area to remain under the supervision of the coach. If said player continues to be disruptive or act in an unsportsmanlike manner, the official may terminate the game/event.

**PROPER LINE-UP CARD**

NOTE: All schools must present the umpires with a completed lineup card (sample on back of this sheet). When exercising the DP option, the designated player should be listed in the preferred batting position of the batting order as illustrated below, and the flex player she is batting for should be listed in the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) position. It is recommended that schools place their ground rules on the reverse side of the card, and cards be completed in triplicate for the home team, visiting team, and umpire-in-chief.

**SAMPLE LINEUP CARD**

Starting Line Up		Pos.	No.	Change	Change	Change
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.	DP					
5.						
10.	Flex (FP)					

Signature _____	School _____
Date _____	Home _____ Visitors _____

**PICK-OFF PLAY MECHANIC MODIFICATION**

With the field umpire in the "C" or "D" position only, when there is a pick-off play at first, the plate umpire will make that call.