

## 2016 NFHS Softball Rules Changes

**2-57-4 New:** Art 4... Projected Substitute. A projected substitute is the act of entering a substitute without first removing a player from that position in the line-up. (3-3-3).

**Rationale:** To provide a standard definition for a “projected” substitute and to help clarify Rule 3-3-3. In Rule 3-3-3 there is a statement that "projected substitutions are not permitted" however, projected substitutes are not currently defined in the Rules Book. Therefore, the creation of rule 2-57-4, NEW: A projected substitute is the act of entering a substitute without first removing a player from that position in the lineup. This definition has been added because there are situations where coaches attempt to make a substitution for the upcoming half inning on defense while the player being replaced is still on offense. This is illegal. The coach must first remove the player(s) from the lineup and then enter the substitute(s) name(s) and number(s).

**Note:** Multiple substitutions on offense is not considered projected substitutes as long as the coach removes the person(s) being substituted for and then enters the names and numbers of those players entering the lineup. (3-3-2 and 3-3-3).

## 2016 NFHS Major Editorial Changes

**NOTE:** One American flag not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn on the jersey and does not require state association approval. To allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches not to exceed 4 square inches may be worn on jerseys upon state association approval. Commemorative and memorial patches shall not include numbers in order to avoid confusion with the jersey number. This is an editorial change to rule 3-2-4.

## 2016 Points of Emphasis

1. **STRIKE ZONE (FP)**
2. **DP/FLEX EDUCATION**
3. **PITCHING (FP)**