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Dear League Director,

In an effort to provide all Girls Leagues with as much advanced notice as possible, this letter is being sent to you to remind you of the new ASA rules that are already and/or will become effective.

These safety rules have been created to protect all players from serious injury.

Chinstraps

Effective 2003), all players were required to have their batting helmets secured by wearing a chinstrap. These chinstraps must be worn while batting and or while running the bases. Because this rule change wasn't timely communicated to the leagues, this rule was not enforced last year. This requirement will be strictly enforced this year.

Face Masks / Face Guards (Rule 3, Section 5D)

EFFECTIVE 2005: All Junior Olympic Fast Pitch batting helmets shall be equipped with a NOCSAE approve face mask/guard.

Double Base (Rule 2, Section 3 (H) (1))

The double base is approved for use at first base.

EFFECTIVE 2005: The DOUBLE BASE shall be used at first base in all divisions of play.

This base is 15 by 30 inches and made of canvas or other suitable materials. Half the base is white (over fair territory) and half is colored (over foul territory). It should not be more than 5 inches in thickness.

Should your league decide not to adopt these safety rules, then you will need to amend your league bylaws to include a bylaw (s) that states that your league does not require the above mentioned safety equipment.

NOTE: You will need to have a copy of your League's bylaws available (at the field) for every game. Failure to present your bylaws at the start of the game, will result in the umpire having to officiate the game according to the effective ASA Rules.