

2020 USSSA Rule Changes

Rule 6 Sec 1 A

A. Prior to the pitch, the pitcher shall ~~have both feet~~ **take a position with their pivot foot** in contact with the pitcher's plate **and their non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate**. ~~Part of the pivot foot must be on top of the pitcher's plate~~. Both feet must be ~~on the ground~~ within **or partially within** the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate.

Rule 6 Sec 1.E.1

The pitch begins and cannot be discontinued when ~~one hand is taken off the ball or the pitcher makes any motion that is part of the windup~~ **the hands are separated** once they have been placed together

~~No step backward is allowed.~~ **Any step back with the non-pivot foot must begin before the start of the pitch** (6.1.E.1).

Rule 6 Sec 1.E.2

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Rule 6 Sec 1.J

The pitcher shall not deliberately drop, roll, bounce, etc., the ball while in the pitching position in order to prevent the batter from striking it.

EFFECT Sec 1. A—J **A - I** – Illegal Pitch

Sec 1. J – PENALTY: The ball is dead at the end of playing action. The batter is awarded a ball which may be declined by the offensive coach. FIRST OFFENSE is a team warning. SECOND OFFENSE and any subsequent violation the offender is restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game and their current head coach shall be ejected

Rule 12 Sec 1

The ejected coach/manager must sit out the remainder of that game and the following game **which must be actually played (i.e. - a non-played forfeit game will not satisfy the sit out requirement)**.

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