

## Baseball Comments on the Rules - 2018

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**Modified That Baseballs Meet A NOCSAE Standard (1-3-1):** To maintain a consistent and uniformed standard for high school competition. To ensure that every baseball manufactured meets the same level of quality and playability. The effective date is January 1, 2019.

**Delineation Of What Cannot Be Attached To A Bat [1-3-2a(2)]:** Further clarification that attachments that would present a potential hazard are not permitted.

**Modified That Catcher's Chest Protectors Meet A NOCSAE Standard (1-5-3):** A NOCSAE standard has been developed to protect the heart and the cardiac silhouette from commotio cordis. The effective date is January 1, 2020.

**Modified That Runners Who Reach First Base Safely Are Protected From Being Put Out (8-2-7):** Runners who reach first base safely may over-run, over-slide and return without the threat of being put out as long as they do not attempt or feint an advance toward second base. This change is easy to coach, officiate and execute as a player. All batter-runners are treated equally and consistently.