



2010 NFHS SOFTBALL CLARIFICATION

Effective January, 2010, there are two changes to ball specifications that needed further clarification.

1. **Dynamic Stiffness** – The dynamic stiffness of 12” softballs shall not exceed 7,500 pounds/inch. Manufacturers are expected to adhere to this requirement during the manufacturing process in order to stamp the ball with the NFHS Authenticating Mark. As a result, all softballs used in competition with the appropriate NFHS Authenticating Mark are assumed to meet the requirement. NO new mark indicating compliance is required to be stamped on the ball.
2. **Circumference** – An eighth of an inch was added to the maximum circumference of both 11- and 12-inch softballs, to 11¼ and 12¼, respectively. This change helps the manufacturers with tolerance levels in mass production. It also assists manufacturers by making ball specifications the same as other rules codes and assists in producing a consistent product.

Softballs used in competition must meet all the specifications in Rule 1-3. Manufacturers producing a ball in compliance with the rule specifications and meeting NFHS contractual requirements will label the ball with the NFHS Authenticating Mark. The NFHS Authenticating Mark signifies to consumers that the ball is eligible for use in competition. The NFHS should be notified if a manufacturer is not meeting its obligation in this regard.