



Statement regarding NFHS, USASB and NCAA Fastpitch game ball changes.

NFHS, USASB and NCAA are slightly modifying their ball specs to all 3 align with each other so they are all 3 playing with the same softball for 12" fastpitch balls. This doesn't not affect the Dudley Fastpitch Ball. This does not impact the Dudley fastpitch ball line and our customers will not see any impact on the field (there is no change on the stamping of any of the balls).

*Below is the actual NFHS Rule Book with the specs starting 1/1/25. Dudley softballs have ALWAYS met these specs even before the very "slight" modifications to the specifications and will CONTINUE to meet these specs.

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SECTION 3 SOFTBALLS

ART. 1 . . . The ball(s) shall be an optic yellow sphere formed by either solid core or number one long-fiber Kapok or yarn wound around a small core of cork, rubber, polyurethane or similar material, and covered with a flat surface or a smooth seam stitch.

ART. 2 . . . The cover of the ball shall be made of number one chrome-tanned, horsehide or cowhide that will be solidly cemented to the ball. The cover is also sewn on the ball with a waxed cotton or linen thread. Synthetic composition material may also be used for the cover.

ART. 3 . . . The ball specifications shall be as stated in Table 1-1. The new ball specifications are currently permissible and will be required January 1, 2025, for high school competition. Balls manufactured with the current specifications will be permitted for use through 2024.

TABLE 1-1

PLAY	SIZE	COR	COMPRESSION	WEIGHT & CIRCUMFERENCE
Slow Pitch	11"	.44 max	375 lbs. max	5 ⁷ / ₈ to 6 ¹ / ₈ ounces 10 ⁷ / ₈ to 11 ¹ / ₄ inches
Slow Pitch	12"	.44 max	375 lbs. max	6 ¹ / ₈ to 7 ounces 11 ⁷ / ₈ to 12 ¹ / ₄ inches
Fast Pitch	12"	.47 max	375 lbs. max *325 lbs. +/-50	6 1/4 to 7 ounces *6 1/2 to 7 ounces 11 7/8 to 12 1/4 inches

***Mandatory January 1, 2025**

NOTES:

1. The dynamic stiffness of 12" softballs shall not exceed 7,500 pounds/inch and 11" softballs shall not exceed 9,500 pounds/inch when tested under current ASTM test methods.
2. (S.P.) By state association adoption, an 11-inch ball shall be used in girls slow pitch and the bases shall be 65 feet. (1-1-2a)

ART. 4 . . . The coefficient of restitution (COR) and compression shall be labeled on all balls.

ART. 5 . . . The specifications of color, COR and compression shall be identical for all balls used for each game.

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THUNDER HEAT®
Item# 43147

- 12" Leather
- .47 / 375
- Poly Center

CFP™
Item# 43873

- 12" Leather
- .47 / 375
- Cork Center

***Including the 4K147**

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SB12™
Item# 4H311Y

- 12" Leather
- .47 / 375
- Cork Center

Above are the NFHS Balls that are currently certified by NFHS and will continue to be certified by NFHS (Thunder Heat, SB12 & CFP).