

CLARIFICATION INDEX

This index represents clarifications of rules, mechanics and administrative procedures of USA Softball posted monthly in Plays and Clarifications which can be found in the umpire tab of www.teamusa.org/USA-SOFTBALL. This index runs from 2008 to the present. The rule and mechanic references outlined in these clarifications could possibly be updated and changed over time. Please review not only these clarifications but also the current participant manual as well as the umpire manual for the most current information on each topic.

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