

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

NCSSA MANAGERS

NCSSA 2026 Home Run Rule

New “Home Run Rule” for teams in Group 1 and Group 2:

The NCSSA Board is implementing a new home run rule for 2026. The new rule only applies to teams that are ranked in Groups 1 and 2. This is being done in an effort to attract more of the younger teams (50's and 55's) to our NCSSA tournaments. Based on input that the NCSSA Board has received from various managers and players, allowing teams to hit more home runs is something the younger teams are interested in. The new rule will be in effect on a one-year trial basis and will be re-evaluated at the end of the season based on feedback received throughout the year from Group 1 and Group 2 managers and players.

Summary: The new rule states that teams in Groups 1 and 2 are allowed to hit a total of six home runs during the game. Once a team reaches the limit, any home run hit after that will be a dead-ball out. This rule aligns with the SSUSA home run rule. The home run rule for all other groups remains unchanged. In cases where a Group 1 or Group 2 team is playing against a team that is not in Group 1 or 2, the game will be played using the “One-Up Home Run” rule (Refer to rule #14 in the 2026 NCSSA Rules).

If you have any questions regarding this or other rules, feel free to contact any of the NCSSA Rules Committee Members:

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