



## COMMENTS ON 2016 RULE CHANGES

**Projected Substitute:** In Rule 3-3-3 there is a statement that "projected substitutions are not permitted" however, projected substitutes are not currently defined in the Rules Book. Therefore the creation of rule 2-57-4, NEW: A projected substitute is defined as a player who does not immediately participate in the game. Rule 2-57-4 has been added because there are situations where coaches attempt to make multiple substitutions on offense that may not happen immediately. This is an inappropriate practice on offense because players can only be substituted prior to their immediate scheduled at-bat. Therefore, coaches may only substitute for the immediate player at bat.

**Note:** Multiple substitutions on defense are not considered projected substitutes as all players are immediately entering the field of play at the same time.

**American Flag and Commemorative Patches:** One American flag not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn on the jersey and does not require state association approval. To allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches not to exceed 4 square inches may be worn on jerseys upon state association approval. Commemorative and memorial patches shall not include numbers in order to avoid confusion with the jersey number. This is an editorial change to rule 3-2-4.