

High school softball programs to see rule changes

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Softball Rules Committee approved four additions to Rule 3 regarding uniforms, equipment and substitutions at its June 13-15 meeting in Indianapolis.

These changes approved by the committee, along with one in Rule 1, were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board

of Directors. Rule 3-2-15 states that all equipment shall be inspected by the umpire, and is to be placed outside the dugout or bench area prior to the start of the game. The rules committee agreed that placing all equipment in one location at one time is a more efficient method to conduct this inspection.

"The committee believes that

expediting the inspection of all equipment will make the process more efficient and done in a timely fashion," said Sandy Searcy, NFHS director of sports and staff liaison for softball.

In Rule 3-2-1, the committee added inclement weather as an exception to the uniform rule for state associations.

The Softball Rules

Committee also approved new language to Rule 3-2-7 to reinforce the solid color undergarments requirements.

"We felt it was important to standardize the colors of the undergarments not only to reinforce the solid color requirements similar to other NFHS sport rules, but also because it can be a distraction and create a possible safety concern,"

Searcy said.

In Rule 3-6-7, which states that players and substitutes shall not enter the contest unreported, the penalty was revised to state that the head coach is restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game only for a second violation.

The committee also revised Rule 1-5-2c by eliminating the description of the taper's surface. This change brings the NFHS in line with other rules codes concerning the surface of

the taper.

A complete listing of the softball rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Activities & Sports" at the top of the home page, and select "Softball."

According to the 2015-16 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, there are 364,103 girls participating in fast-pitch softball at 15,115 schools.

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55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING. Contact Lane Community College, 541-997-8444.

A. C. A. Adult Children of Alcoholics (and Addicts). Meets every Monday at 3pm St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: Loyd or Kyle (612) 462-1481.

Ada Grange #570 meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canby Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

Aglow International meets first Saturday, 10am-Noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-5849.

Al-Anon Family Group meets every Thursday at noon, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788.

Al-Anon Family Hope Group 1525 12th St. (old hospital, back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group meets every Monday at 7pm, at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon thru Sun, 5:30-6:30pm., Siuslaw Pacific Ctr., 1445 W. 8th St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues (closed), Thurs and Sat (open), 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous Open meetings Sunday, 10-11am, 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300.

Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting. Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings Men's stag. Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152

Alcoholics Anonymous (SIS) Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack in Library. Contact: 541-990-2110.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence, 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Paulette Volkoff 541-997-8436.

American Red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter. Meets 3rd Monday of each month. Contact Tom 541-997-1123. Great opportunity to help locally.

American Legion & Aux., Francis M. Yost Post No. 59 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for general membership meeting, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-3082

Anger Management for Men. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Anger Management for Women. Meets weekly every Tuesday from 12 to 2pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Argentine Tango in Newport meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson-then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-563-2705 or <http://www.geocities.com/yesnewporttango/>.

Baha'i Faith of Florence discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 875 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

Beloved Community of Florence. Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching, Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

Better Breathers Club. meets 4th Wednesday of each month, Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C. 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 5635.

Breastfeeding Support Group. second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

Cancer Education Group Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm @ 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please Contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

CaregiverSupport Group Bimonthly meeting is held at SprucePoint on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting at 11 AM. Spruce Point has supported this group by providing a complimentary lunch for the participants on those meeting times. It is facilitated by Mary Ann Earl RN BSN retired. Contacts are Annette Poston 541-997-6111 or Mary Ann Earl 541-997-4866.

Anyone needing support caring or assisting another person with their responsibilities for health, welfare, finances or decision making can be supported in that process in this group.

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday, 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30 PM Meeting. 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church., 2nd qtr. at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical Church and 4th qtr. at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information call Chick 541-997-3370.

Central Coast Miniatures Club of Florence. 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley room, Florence.

Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club meets every Wed. 7-8:30am, at Koffice Klatch @ Clawson's Wheelhouse, Wed net @ 7 pm. 146.80(-) 100hz tone.

Chronic Pain Group People with chronic pain helping people with chronic pain, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence. Contact: 541-991-0037.

Circle 4 Oneness community meets two times a month, the 11th and 22nd, 6:30-8pm. Contact: 541-902-7912 for directions.

Citizens Democracy Watch. meets at 1pm., the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center. Contact: 541-997-3950.

City Club of Florence. Meets 1st Friday of each month, 11:00am offer of the lunch menu., Speaker: 12-1 pm. Driftwood Shores Surfside Restaurant upstairs, 88416 1st Ave. For information, call 541-902-5135.

Coast Chamber Ensemble. meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-870-4346.

Coastal Celtic Society. Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

Coastal Women Veterans. 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-902-8623.

Coastal Writers. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm, at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

Community Chorus of Florence meets Mon. 7-8:30pm, at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: Sandy Vaccaro 970-618-6307.

Diabetes Health & Wellness Group. Meets twice a Week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am AND 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skip Stitt 541-997-1562.

Family Caregiver, Support Group. Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am. to 11:30/12:00 in the Community Room. Contact Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN

Family Support Group for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Central Oregon Coast, 1st Saturday, 1pm., Pacific Community Hospital, Newport. Contact: 541-563-5240.

Fibromyalgia Support Group of Reedsport meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month at the Reedsport Public

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Library.

Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-1779, or honeymanfriends@aol.com

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Noon forum 2nd, Thursday of each month, noon, at Best Western Pier Point Inn. Open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

Florence Area Coordinating Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

Florence Area Democratic Club meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: www.florenceareademocrats.org.

Florence Area Humane Society. Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays, Please call the Shelter for an appointment. 541-997-4277.

Florence Caring Pregnancy Center open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am-4pm, FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center), Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

Florence Chapter-Oregon Right to Life Contact: Mona Dick 541-997-2065.

Florence Community PTA meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library, Contact Diane McCalmont, 541-997-1854. Email: florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com. Website: florencepta.org. Facebook: Florence Community PTA.

Florence Dance Guild. meets monthly. Contact: Angela Palmer 541-997-6839

Florence Duplicate Bridge (non-smoking). Every Thursday afternoon starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherax 541-997-2677. (American contract bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.

Florence Elks Lodge 1858 meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

Florence Elks Lodge Club. 2nd Wed., Sept.-June, 1:00pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: www.facebook.com/FCGOR.

Florence Herb Enthusiasts meet the 3rd Thursday, 11am. New Life Lutheran Church. For info call Jacquie, 541-997-8311. www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com July-field trip, Nov.-wreath making at Greentrees, Dec.-Community service project.

Florence Kiwanis meets each Wednesday, noon, Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

Florence Memory Loss Respite Center meets Mon., Wed., Thur. from 10am-2pm., Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, \$10 includes lunch. Contact: Jan landrum 541-902-8539.

Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Shorewood Apartments meeting room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

Florence Performing Arts Association Board meeting. 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. FEC. www.florenceperformingarts.com

Friends of Poetry. Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Spruce. All welcome. Contact: Shirley Nelson 541-373-0065.

Florence Rotary Club. Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program. 1st Wed., 7pm, Florence Elks Lodge, Contact Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

Florence Senior Travel Club. Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

Florence Siuslaw Lions Club. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101, (entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3161.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Sundays, 10am., at the Fellowship Hall located at the NW corner of Heceta Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Wantz 541-902-9505.

Flying Needles & Hooks of the Siuslaw. This group does charitable knitting & crocheting for schools, SOS, & Helping Hands. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Tuesday in Bromley room Siuslaw Public Library from 3pm-5pm. 4th Tuesday - at Greentrees Community Room from 3pm-5pm. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779.

Friends of Florence Events Center meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm, at Florence Events Center. Contact: FIEC 541-997-1904.

Friends of Honeyman State Park. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am. recreational meeting hall at Honeyman, on Canary Rd. A group of volunteers who support projects at Honeyman - activities include park upkeep, planting & clearing, interpretive programs and special events. Everyone Welcome! Contact:

September-May. For more information, contact: E. F. Westphal - Regent 541-517-5333.

Oregon Right to Life please contact Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

Overtakers Anonymous. meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Rose Room in the Coast Village Clubhouse, at 131 Rhody Loop (enter east side of Coast Village at 27th and Spruce and follow signs to office/clubhouse). Contact: (503) 775-6927 or (541) 590-0738.

Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble meets Monday 6:30-8:30 pm., alternates btw SHS & Waldport HS music rooms. Amateur thru professional welcome. Contact: Gail Nichols 541-999-6907.

Pacific Dunes Shrine Club meets for Dinner Socials at Driftwood Shores, for Business Meetings at Bliss' 101. For details, call 541-997-4082.

Parkinson Support Group meets first Tuesday of each month at Ocean View, 834 SW Lee, Newport. Call 574-6560 for more information. Jeff Geiger, Facilitator.

Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 3rd Thursday, except July/August, luncheon at 11:30, Florence Events Center. Contact: 541-902-9669 or 541-902-1970.

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Pointman Veterans Ministries - Support for veterans and their families. Especially wartime stress. Contact: Bond Hanson, 541-997-2074; Dan Hackett, 541-902-0688

Professionally Retired Ornerly Single Seniors. (PROSS). For information, contact Damie, 991-6430, or write P.O. Box 572, Florence.

Quilt Guild (Rhododendron), 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10am., Florence Christian Church. Contact: Cyndie Wenz, President.

RAPP Committee meets 3rd Wednesday of month at B&G conference room, 1234 Rhododendron Drive, noon-1:30pm.

Rainbow Girls. Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, Masonic Lodge 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Sherry, 541-915-9382.

Reiki Gathering All Reiki students 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree. Time to work on each other. No cost. Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30-8:30pm in Private Home - call for directions. Contact: Lynette Kristine 541-997-2154.

Retreads Motorcycle Club, Florence Chapter. meets second Saturday of the month at 9am @ Kathleen & Ninas for breakfast & a ride. Contact: Bill Trapp 541-997-5063.

Rhododendron Society, Siuslaw Chapter. meets 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy. 101. Contact: Mike Bones, 541-997-3082. Sept-May only.

SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Central Coast Chapter, meets 3rd Saturday of each month, at Reedsport Methodist Church at 11am. For information call 541-271-3771 or James Ives - President 541-271-4212.

S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps Of Retired Executives), free personal consultations with people in or interested in business. Contact: LCC, 541-997-8444.

SHIBA. Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistants) Meets in Florence @ DHS & LCC 1st Tuesday & 3rd Friday. Call for an appointment for Medicare help. Contact: 800-722-4134.

Siuslaw Area Ream meets 3rd Tuesday each month, 7pm. Contact: 541-997-4297.

Siuslaw Diabetic Support Group meets third Tuesday each month, 2pm., Siuslaw Public Library, The Bromley Room. Contact: 541-997-7134 Julianne or Joan. No meetings June, July or August. Start September 20, 2011

Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month from 10am-Noon at Bromley Room at the Library. Contact: Margaret Keith 541-997-4558. Anyone interested in joining in the knitting, hand-spinning, felting, rug-hooking is welcome.

Siuslaw Fisherman's Association. Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 1536 12th St. Church of the Nazarene, 2nd floor, 6pm. Contact: Annette Smith 541-902-2345.

Siuslaw Friendship Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact: Betty Fieldson 541-997-2842.

Siuslaw Genealogical Society meeting, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Public Library, Bromley room. Contact: Kevin Mitze 541-902-2376.

Siuslaw Outreach Services, Women's Empowerment Support Group meets every Tuesday, 4-6pm., 1576 West 12th St. Contact: 541-997-2816.

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum meeting, second Monday of each month, 10am., 2nd & Maple St. 541-997-7884.

Siuslaw Public Library's Art Display Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30am., Bromley Room of the library.

Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club meets third Thursday of every other month, 7pm., Gun Club, Munsel Lake Road. Contact: Jerry Harpole, 935-5224.

Siuslaw Soil & Water Conservation Dist., first Monday, 6:30pm., 1525 12th Street, Suite 10A. Contact: Seth Mead, 541-997-1272.

Siuslaw Viewfinders Photography Club, meetings 1st Monday of the month at the Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley room, 6pm. Contact: Curt Peters, Digital Dunes Photography 541-902-8748.

Siuslaw Watershed Council meets the last Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm., Contact: 541-268-3044 (Open to public).

Soroptimist International of Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 12:00 noon at Chen's Family Dish, 3620 Hwy. 101. Contact: Pres. Jo Hine 541-997-2233.

Support Group for Families & Friends with Mental Illness. Meets every 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm., at the Peace Harbor Hospital cafeteria, 400 Ninth St. Mental illness is a very stressful and devastating experience for all involved. Everyone is welcome to come and share with others who are going through the same experiences. Contact: Monica 541-902-8308 or Julia 541-997-2026.

SWING (Siuslaw Womens Investment Group). Meets every third Tuesday, 12:30pm., New Life Lutheran Church, spruce & 21st St. Contact: Joyce 541-999-9876 or Karen 541-999-7906.

T.O.P.S. - OR #890. Meets Every Wednesday, 8:45-10am., The New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St., Florence, OR. Contact: 541-902-7574.

Toastmasters International, Siuslaw Talespinners, meets every Wednesday at the Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue Station on 2625 HWY 101, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Contact: Irma Geller 541-999-0921 or Jim 541-999-5766.

Us Too Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group Evening Group, meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5pm, at Presbyterian Church, Spouses, loved ones and families are welcome. Contact: Bob Horney 541-997-6626.

Us Too Prostate Cancer Education and Support Group - Lunch Group, meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 12 Noon at Ichiban Restaurant. Spouses, loved ones and families are welcome. Contact: Bob Horney 541-997-6626.

Van Fans - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 11:45am., at Shorewood for meeting & lunch. Cost \$8.50. Contact: Lea Rudd 541-999-0779.

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 3232 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 pm., Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-5944.

Veterans of the Florence Area meet every Monday at 11:30am, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: Band of Brothers 541-997-5944.

VFW Auxiliary. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 1pm., 2216 Willow Loop, Florence. Contact: Beryl Foreman - 541-902-8327 Call for information or applications.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7 pm., Conference Room "C" - Peace Harbor Hosp. Contact Room 541-902-8081 or Marlene 541-997-8801.

Weight Watchers meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm. (Meeting weigh-in 5 pm.) at the 1380 10th Street at Cross Road Assembly of God. Contact: 1-800-651-6000

Women's Fellowship Circle. Wednesdays, 10am-noon, Cross Road Assembly of God, 1380 10th Street. Contact: 541-902-8928.

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