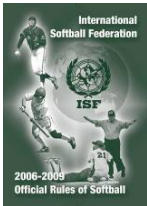




ISF TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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ISF Case Play Update

ISF 2006-2009 Official Rules of Softball
Rule Reference - Rule 3 Sec 4

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Any player may wear a glove, but only the catcher and first base may use mitts.

b. Gloves worn by any player and may be any combination of colors, provided none of the colors (including the lacing) are the color of the ball.

c. Gloves with white, gray, or yellow optic circles on the outside, giving the appearance of a ball, are illegal for all players.

Case Play Reference – Rule 3 Sec. 4 - Gloves

146 F1 is discovered using a blue glove with black webbing and green lacing. Is this a legal glove for F1?

RULING: Yes. All players, including pitchers, may wear solid colored gloves, other than white, grey or the color of the ball, or they may wear multi colored gloves with colored lacing provided none of the colors are white, grey or the color of the ball. (3-4b).

ISF ADU Comments

The following change to the case book is now being translated and should be ready by the middle of July.

Sec. 4. Gloves and Mitts:

PLAY 3.4-1: Who may wear a mitt?

RULING: Only the catcher and the first baseman. (3-4)

PLAY 3.4-2: The shortstop is using a white glove and catches a yellow-optic yellow fly ball.

RULING: Legal. Gloves worn by any player may be any combination of colors, provided none of the colors (including the lacing) are the color of the ball. (3-4b)

PLAY 3.4-3: When F6 takes the field at the start of the game, it is noticed that he has a glove with a white circle on the outside that resembles a ball.

RULING: illegal. Gloves with white, gray, or yellow optic circles on the outside, giving the appearance of a ball, are illegal for all players.

And under Batter-Runner

PLAY 8.3-2: B1 hits a ground ball to F6, who fields the ball with a glove containing a white circle on the outside resembling a ball. He throws B1 out at 1B.

RULING: The play has been made using an illegal glove. The offensive team coach has the option of (a) allowing the play to stand, or (b) have B1 bat again assuming the ball/strike count he had prior to the pitch he hit. The illegal glove is removed from the game. (8-3a)(3-4c)

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