

### 3.6 Gloves/Mitts

3.6.1 All players except the catcher must use a leather fielder's glove/mitt that meets the following maximum specifications:

Palm width: 8 inches; top opening of web: 5 inches; web top to bottom: 7¼ inches; thumb top to bottom edge: 9¼ inches; highest finger top to bottom edge: 14 inches.

3.6.1.1 The catcher may wear a leather glove or leather mitt of any dimension.

3.6.2 Gloves/mitts may not be the color of the ball but may be any combination of other colors.

3.6.3 The use of any treatment or device that fundamentally changes the specifications of gloves, including adding adhesive or creating a sticky or tacky coating, is prohibited and renders the equipment altered and unsuitable for play.

**EFFECT—(3.6.1 to 3.6.3)—If noticed before a play, the umpire shall direct the fielder to remove the glove/mitt. Should the illegal glove/mitt reappear, the offending player shall be ejected. (Administrative ejection; see Rule 13.2.1.)**

**If a play is made with the illegal glove/mitt, the glove is removed from play and the offensive coach has the option to: (a) take the result of the play; or (b) nullify the play resulting in the batter returning to bat, assuming the ball and strike count they had, base runners returning to the bases legally occupied at the time of the last pitch, and play resuming.**

### 3.7 Required Protective Equipment

3.7.1 **Offense.** While batting, running the bases or in the on-deck circle, each offensive player is required to wear a double-earflap protective helmet that meets NOCSAE standards. All helmets shall be the same color. Highly reflective, mirror-like chrome-finish helmets of any color are prohibited. The permanent NOCSAE mark and exterior warning label must be legible. Decals and markings that are commemorative or indicative of notable performances are permissible.

3.7.1.1 **Student-Athlete Base Coach.** A student-athlete in the coaches' box is required to wear a protective helmet that meets NOCSAE standards whenever the ball is live from the first pitch to the last out of the half-inning.

**EFFECT—If an umpire observes an offensive player/student-athlete base coach wearing a damaged or illegal helmet or a helmet that doesn't meet NOCSAE standards before coming to bat, while at bat or on base, or while in the coaches' boxes, the umpire shall direct the offender to change to a legal helmet without penalty. Failure to wear a legal helmet when directed by the umpire shall result in the offender's ejection. (Administrative ejection; see Rule 13.2.1.) Deliberately wearing the helmet improperly or intentionally removing the helmet by an offensive player while the ball is live shall result in the offender being declared out but shall not remove a force play.**