

Breakdown of Coaches who voted “Yes”

What is the Section # and Class of the School that you coach softball.									
Section									
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Response Count
Choose your Section and Class	10	16	17	11	6	6	12	14	92

Class				
Answer Options	A	AA	AAA	Response Count
Choose your Section and Class	25	34	33	92

Comments of Coaches voting “Yes”

1. We have to change at some point, so sooner would be fine; however, I am not STRONGLY a "yes"
2. I am in favor, but not if the decision is not made SOON. I'd like as much notice as possible to help our girls get ready.
3. I think it will make it a more offensive game and a pitcher might not have as much control over a whole game.
4. the sooner the better
5. Why wait?
6. We might as well have our players get used to it now.
7. After watching a summer of 18u at 43 ft, I was amazed at how it took the dominance of one player away, and turned the game onto a team sport. If a team has a pitcher who averages 10 strikeouts a game, that team only has to field 11 outs. That team can be very good with only 2-4 quality players. If a team does not have a dominant pitcher but has 6-7 quality players it puts both of these teams on a more equal playing field.
8. Long overdue.
9. I think it will make the game more interesting for the fans and that girls have improved so much that we need this challenge.
10. If it's already an automatic for 2011, why wait? What would we do with the B-Squad and JV?
11. While this will especially create a problem for lower level pitchers, we might as well make the change.
12. I think it will bring more offense into the game.
13. I am in favor of it because I think one benefit of the rule is the pitcher's safety. I have had a pitcher hit in the face with a line drive and sustain a season ending injury. Since we are going to have to move to 43' in 2011 anyway, I feel it would be beneficial to do it in 2010.
14. It would make the adjustment easier for pitchers who continue their career at the college level and it may add some more offense to our high school level -- which is typically pitcher dominated.
15. It only makes sense to have it the same distance as colleges
16. yes - only if ASA changes to 43 ft for summer ball- otherwise the players will have to go from 43 during school and then back to 40 for summer...
17. Let's put some offense into our game Too many low scoring games determined by mistakes and not abilities.
18. After seeing 43' in action this summer at the 18U level, I've noticed that there is a lot more offensive action and believe it makes sense to move it back to 43' for that reason alone.
19. It's going to be required in 2011 so we might as well get used to it now.
20. Just as well get it done now -- there will always be teams and pitching staffs wishing it could have waited until next season
21. it is getting to dangerous for pitchers and the pitching is too dominating
22. It's happening across the country, so we might as well make the jump this year.
23. If we are going to change it anyway next year lets just do it now.
24. This would be for Varsity Only?? Could JV stay at 40??
25. I'm in favor of the distance moving, but would also suggest looking at moving the distance in 2011 instead of 2010
26. Varsity level only-all levels next year
27. Safer for our players.

28. It will generate more offense in the game and fewer pitchers will be able to dominate.
29. I think the spring of 2011 should be the time.
30. If we are going to change, I'd rather do it sooner than later.
31. It may be tough on the pitchers but every team would have to adjust.
32. Sounds like we are heading there anyway...if they find out now at least the kids can start to prepare. It's either this season or next so just go for it.
33. I think that this change will give more opportunities to all players. It should allow for more contact and fielding because the batter will probably have a more time to react thus getting more balls into play. It will be an adjustment for some of our pitchers but I think we can all make this change a positive one.