



Fall Recreation Softball - 12U Rules 2014 Fall Season (Updated 08/28/14)

HOME TEAM & DUGOUTS

The team listed first on the schedule will occupy the third base dugout. If a team is playing a double header they will not be required to change dugouts. *ALL GAMES WILL USE A COIN TOSS TO DETERMINE HOME TEAM.*

BASE AND PITCHING DISTANCES

The distance between bases and the pitching play shall comply with ASA requirements. Currently, the distance between bases is 60 feet and the pitching distance is set at 40 feet.

GAME LENGTH

All games in this division will be one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) drop dead. At fields where overhead lighting is not available, all play will stop (drop dead) based upon the umpire's judgment of unsafe conditions.

OUTCOMES OF DROP DEAD TIME BEING REACHED

When drop dead time is reached the game ends at that point.

STANDINGS

There are no standings.

GAME FORFEITURES

Every attempt should be made to play. In the event a team is unable to field a minimum of eight players, the game may still be played. The other team is encouraged to provide additional defensive players for outfield positions only. If a game must be cancelled due to lack of players, no make-up will be scheduled.

RUNS ALLOWED

Each inning is limited to 3 outs or 4 runs; whichever comes first per inning.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS

1. Each team shall use three (3) outfielders for a total of nine (9) defensive positions
 2. No player may sit on the bench more than one inning in any game until all other players on their team have sat one inning.
 3. It is recommended that each player shall play at least one (1) inning of infield by the completion of the 4th inning. If the game is less than four (4) complete innings, the player must start the next game at an infield position.
- *Note: Rule 3 is recommended to get all players involved in infield positions if they do not create a safety hazard.*

PLAYER RE-ENTRY

Unlimited defensive substitution is allowed. Substitute players may be entered at the beginning of innings or whenever the umpire calls time. Late arriving players should be placed at the end of the batting order.

BATTING

The team will bat round robin for players present at the start of the game. Late arriving players must be added to the bottom of the lineup. The opposing team must be notified of any additions when the player enters the game. The batting order remains fixed once presented to the opposing team and umpire. Batters hit by a pitch will be governed per ASA rules as follows: If, in the umpire's judgment, the batter makes no effort to avoid the pitch, a ball will be called and the batter does not walk. If an effort is made, the hit batter will be awarded first base.

MERCY RULE

None.

INFIELD FLY AND DROPPED THIRD STRIKE

The infield fly rule and the dropped third strike rule is in effect *per ASA rules.*

**STEALING BASES**

Stealing bases will be allowed in accordance with ASA rules. Runners may leave a base when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Runners leaving off the base prior to the pitch will be called out.

PITCHING RULES

There is no official limit on innings pitched. The expectation is that all girls that practice pitching will have an opportunity to pitch in the Fall Season.

PITCHERS SUBSTITUTION

A pitcher removed from pitching by the coach has no limits in returning to the game to pitch again.

COURTESY RUNNERS

Courtesy runners will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher of record. The runner shall be the player making the last recorded out. In the case that no outs have been recorded, the runner shall be the batter batting last in the inning.

SPORTSMANSHIP

No derogatory cheers will be allowed. No deliberate attempt to distract the pitcher and/or the catcher by the offensive team shall be tolerated. We will follow the General Policies of the league and/or ASA rules for unsportsmanlike conduct. If a manager, coach, or parent is ejected from a game, the league will contact your associated league and share the report from the umpire as to the reason of the ejection. Each league will handle their own disciplinary process that could include suspension from games.

JEWELRY

No jewelry of any kind is permitted in accordance with ASA rules.