

ASA Rules of Softball will be followed except for modifications listed below:

Conduct:

While the game is in play, the umpires will be responsible for conduct on the field. Any coach or player who is removed from the game by the umpires for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension from the league for a period of 2 years or less, to be determined by the voting members of the league.

Upon completion of the game, any coach or player who slaps, hits, kicks or bites another player or coach will be subject to suspension from the league for a period of 2 years or less, to be determined by the voting members of the league

Playing Field:

The pitching distance will be 43 feet.

Equipment:

a: the NCAA yellow fastpitch softball will be used

b: Players may wear metal cleats

c: Catchers must wear helmets; any style is approved

d. Players may wear jewelry

Substitutes:

a: A game may begin with 7 players, when additional players arrive they will be inserted at the bottom of the batting order. An automatic out will not be scored if players do not show.

b: Players may be 'borrowed' from the opposing team or from non-league players. Players may not be 'borrowed' from other teams.

c: Players may be substituted freely in the field.

d: Players may be substituted an unlimited number of times in the batting order, but they may not change position in the batting order. Example: Player A and Player B are batting in the Line Up Position 3. They may bat A,B,A,B in 4 at-bats. However, neither player may bat in a position other than 3.

e: Courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers, catchers, and pregnant players. The courtesy runner will be the person who made the last out or someone not in the batting lineup.

f. If a player becomes injured during the course of the game a courtesy runner may be used to run for the injured person. This runner must have made the last out of the inning.

Game:

a: Games will be 7 with NO NEW INNING TO BEGIN AFTER an 1 1/2 hours, no drop dead time.

b: A game that is terminated by the umpires for time will be a regulations game. A game that is terminated by the umpires for weather or other reasons will be a regulation game if 5 innings have been played or the mercy rule applies.

c: International Tie Breaker will be used in the event of a tie after 7 or more innings provided the game has not exceeded the hour and a half time limit.

d: Mercy Rule: After 5 official innings of play, if one team is winning by 8 or more runs the game will be over. If the home team is ahead in the 5th inning the bottom of the 5th inning (or the remainder of the bottom of the 5th inning) will not be played. After 3 official innings of play, if one team is winning by 15 or more runs, the game will be over. If the home team is ahead in the inning, the bottom of the inning will not be played.

e: After the game begins, if a vacant slot occurs in the batting order due to injury, an automatic out will not be scored. If a vacant slot occurs in the batting order for any other reason, an automatic out will be scored.

f. Games will begin at 7pm. Games may start with 7 players. A 15 minute grace period will be granted for the first game. If a team still does not have 7 players after the 15 minute grace period, the game may still be played if the team that is short players elects to borrow players from the opposing team per the "Substitutes" section of the house rules, however, the game will be ruled a forfeit and a score of 7-0 will be recorded. A forfeit will not be recorded if a team has 7 of their own players and borrows players from the opposing team to make 9 players.

g. Time between games: The time between games will be 10 minutes.

Roster:

a: Players on the official team roster must be age 18 or older, on June 1 of the current year. No more than 1/3 of the players on the official team roster may be under the age 19 on June 1 of the current year.

b: Players may be on one and only one official team roster.

c: Each team may have a maximum of 25 players on the roster.

d: Players who participate in more than one game must be added to the official roster. The amended roster must be provided to the Director with proper verification of county residency or \$20 payment as soon as administratively possible, but no later than 1 week following participation in the 1st game for the player to participate again.

Tournament:

a: Tournament Games will follow regular time limit rules up UNTIL the Championship Game.

There will be no time limit on the Championship game including IF game, if it becomes necessary.

b: Players must be on the official roster and must have participated in at least one regular season game to participate in tournament play.