

MINI-MINOR DIVISION PLAYING RULES

The purpose of the Mini-Minor division is to improve the basic skills of each player and to introduce girls 9 and 10 to a more competitive level of softball. All girls play in every game (1/2 the game time to be played that day). The rules of play are those of ASA with exceptions noted below. Playtime is measured by minutes, not innings. (Example: This division has a time limit of 1 hour 30 minutes, each player must play at least 45 minutes).

Batting

- All girls present will bat in a continuous batting order whether in the game or not.
- There will be no designated hitter.
- 6 Run Rule. A 6-run rule will be in effect to keep games competitive and moving. Under this rule, no more than 6 runs will be counted towards a team's score in any inning. The play upon which the 6th run scores will be allowed to proceed to completion, but no runs scoring after the 6th will be counted. The scorekeeper will notify the umpire at the completion of the play that 6 runs have scored.
- No courtesy runner allowed. (Pitchers & catchers are allowed to have a courtesy runner in tournament play only).

Dead Ball

No dropped third strike.

Field Specifications

- The pitching distance will be 35 feet.
- The distance between the bases will be 60 feet.

Game Time Limits

- Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes long. No new innings will begin after the time limit.
- Should a game not qualify as official because it fails the 3 inning rule (3 inning completed within 1 hour and 30 minutes), the head umpire will rule the game official by declaring the winning team the one that was ahead at the end of the last full inning played.
- No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the beginning of the game. The remaining time will be determined at the end of the 3rd out. Any new inning started shall be finished. If the game is tied, the game will end in a tie with one half point being awarded to each team. If more than 7 runs are needed to win in the last inning then that will be the end of the game.

Pitching

- 11" ball used.
- No girl may pitch more than 7 innings in each consecutive group of two scheduled games (1,2/3,4/5,6/ etc) of the original schedule.
- One pitch to a batter in an inning shall constitute an inning pitched.

Postponed or Suspended Games

- Games called due to weather will be rescheduled by league representative if at all possible.
- Postponed or suspended games shall be rescheduled as soon as possible by the league representative. Games will be resumed from the point at which play was suspended, rather than from the beginning. Rainouts will be called by the Chief Umpire. Conditions may change from one game time to another. It is our intent to play every game as scheduled so decisions may not occur until actual game time. Managers and after hours answering service will be notified as soon as a decision has been made.

Protests

No protest. League Representative and/or Chief Umpire will make decision on the spot.

Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions are allowed with the exception of pitchers. Only the starting pitcher is allowed to re-enter or reassume the pitcher position after having left the game or having assumed another defensive position, provided she has innings available under the seven inning pitching rule, and may do so only once.

Umpires

2 paid umpires.

Team Composition

- Teams will consist of 10 players, including a roving fielder.
- If a girl has to leave a game, for reasons other than ejection, no penalty will occur. Late arrivals go to the bottom of the line up.

Fielding

- All outfielders shall remain at least 10 feet behind the baseline until the ball is pitched.
- Infield fly rule will be enforced.

Lead-Off/Stealing

- Only one base per runner, per pitch.
- Home plate is cold—no stealing home.
- The dropped third strike rule will not be enforced, but the ball is live.

Tournament Play

- In case of a tie at the end of 6 complete innings, a runner shall be placed at the start of each team's turn at bat in the extra innings as follows:
- In the 7th inning, the runner (who is the last player to have completed her turn at bat in the 6th inning) shall start at second base.
- In the 8th and succeeding innings, the runner (who is the last player to complete her turn at bat in the preceding inning) shall start at third base.