



SOFTBALL 2013 SINGLE A LEAGUE INFORMATION

FIELD: All Games will be played on MacInnis Field

INFIELD DIMENSIONS:

- 35 ft. Pitching distance from back of home plate to front of pitching plate
- 60 ft. distance between bases

PITCHING RULES:

- Pitcher must pitch from rubber
- Both feet must be in contact with rubber
- Pitcher may pitch more than 6 innings in consecutive games (try to give others a chance if they can throw strikes consistently)
- A pitcher may re-enter once during the game

GAME RULES – REGULAR SEASON:

- 11” softball will be used
- 4 outfielders will be used
- Continuous batting order will be used
- All players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield during each game. Players should be allowed to try all positions during the season.
- All players must play half the game. Playing time should be as equal as possible.
- No player may sit out more than 2 innings in a game. Rotate between games.
- Bunting is allowed. Remember a bunt foul on 2nd strike count is an out. **NO SLASH BUNTING WILL BE ALLOWED.** (Slash bunting is faking to bunt then hitting away- **NOT ALLOWED**).
- No stealing or leading.
- One base on an overthrow play.
- Infield fly rule is **NOT** in effect.

- Dropped 3rd strike rule **NOT** in effect. Batter is out on 3rd strike.
- Shoulder to knee strike zone
- 5 run rule per inning is in effect with a continuation of play allowed to score more runs. (Example; You have scored 4 runs already, batter hits a Home run and scores 3 more, then score 7 for that inning and then you are done batting for that inning).

COACH NEEDS TO KNOW:

- Score book must be kept for both teams
- Only head coach may have a discussion with the umpire.
- A complete game is 6 innings
- During the regular season, all games are considered complete as long as 2 innings are completed. If not, then make up will be scheduled
- The 10 run mercy rule is in effect, once regulation game time of 3 ½ or 4 innings has been met it is imposed.
- No new inning after 8:00 PM. Two-hour time limit on Saturday. No new inning can start within 15 minutes of the time limit on Saturday. (1hr 45Min)
- If game is called before complete inning played, score will convert back to last completed inning. Pitching will not count for that incomplete inning.
- Teams have 2 minutes to take field, Pitcher gets 5 warm-ups within that 2 minutes. (Have someone help your catchers get ready ASAP).

GAME RULES – PLAYOFF DIFFERENCES:

- Playoffs are single elimination
- Playoff position is determined by season record (tie breaker-win / loss)
- All players must play at least 1 inning in the infield and at least half the game
- Games cannot end in a tie.
- Time rules are in effect, but games must meet regulation requirements above of 3 ½ or 4 innings.
- If the game is suspended it will resume from the point it was suspended.
- The 10 run mercy rule is in effect.

All above rules are in effect along with BABE RUTH Softball rules as outlined in the rulebook, which we have not modified.

Note: All players should be encouraged to try all positions during the season. You cannot determine at this age where a kid is best suited to play. Pitching is the only exception as the pitcher must be able to reach the plate.

