



12U Slow Pitch 2015 Local League Rules



2015 Season Rule Change; Base Runner Sliding Requirements

Local league rules as applied to use of the USSSA Slow Pitch Softball game rules as a basis for game play:

1. No game shall exceed 75 minutes
2. Last inning of play is declared as the start of the next full inning after 55 minutes of play
3. If the last inning of play is not completed before the 75 minute game time limit, the official game score will revert to the previous inning score
4. Teams may score no more than 5 runs per inning, except for the last inning of the game
5. There is no minimum number of players required to start or finish a game
6. Teams may use substitute players from the same League but not from the opponents roster
7. Pitching distance is 46 to 52 feet with the pitcher's plate or facsimile placed 46 feet from home plate.

References:

- **MGSA General Local League Rules**
- **USSSA Rule 1 Section 3B for six foot extension**
- **USSSA Policy and Procedure 0039 I – Youth Program for pitching distance specifications**

Pitching distance may not be decreased at any time (before or during a game) to anything less than pitcher's plate distance in effect for the game to be played or underway.

8. A 3-ball, 2-strike count will be used (that is, all batters start with a 1-ball, 1-strike count) (***USSSA Rule 7 Section 2D and Rule 8 Section 3A***)
9. Unlimited courtesy fouls on 2nd strike foul tip
- 10. Base runners must slide or avoid contact with a defensive player attempting to tag the runner (see MGSA General Slow Pitch rule 21). If avoidable or pre-meditated contact is made, in judgement of the umpire, the base runner shall be declared out.**
11. All play is stopped when the Umpire calls time (***USSSA Rule 3 TIME, Rule 8 Section 6A***)
12. Infield fly rule is not in effect (not used)
13. The defensive team will position a maximum of 4 infield players in addition to the pitcher and catcher
14. Player position game limits with post-game League Director review and enforcement; (2) infield innings, (2) innings per position excluding pitcher and catcher where a player may play the position for (3) innings (typical game experience is 4-6 innings)
15. Every player must play at least every other inning in the field (defense) in each game

Umpires are not responsible for enforcement of rules 13 and 14. Any violations of these rules observed by spectators, parents, coaches or Umpires should be reported to the League Director.