

## **12U Junior Division 2018 rules**

### **TEAMS**

1. Any player who turned 13 before January 1st of current year is not eligible to compete.
2. A team shall consist of 10 players, the tenth player being an outfielder who will play 15 feet behind the baselines. A team must field at least 7 players or forfeit the game.
3. Only a pitcher, catcher, and four infielders will be allowed to play in the infield at any one time.

### **GAMES**

4. A normal game will consist of 6 innings.
5. A maximum of 4 runs per team shall be allowed in one inning. The 6th inning and any after that shall be open innings with no limit on the number of runs scored.
6. The ten-run rule will apply after the 4th inning. Example: If the home team is at least 10 runs ahead after 3 1/2 innings, the game is over. If the visiting team is at least 10 runs ahead after the 4th inning, the game is over.
7. In case of rain, 4 complete innings constitute a game. Any incomplete games are completely replayed.
8. Plate umpires must be at least 15 years old. Base umpires must be at least 14 years old.

### **BATTING**

9. Batter can advance to first on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike when first base is unoccupied with less than 2 outs. The base is occupied if there is a runner on first base prior to the pitch. If there are 2 outs it does not matter if first base is occupied or not. A player must record the final out as the ball is live.
10. Infield fly rule is in effect.
11. No intentional walks.
12. Bunting is allowed.

### **BASE RUNNING**

13. After a hit, when the pitcher holds the ball within the pitching circle, a runner may continue to advance as long as she does not stop. If the runner stops on a base, she must stay there. If she stops after rounding a base before she reaches the next base, she must immediately return to the last base touched or she will be called out and she may be put out by a tag as she returns to the base.
14. A walk will be treated the same as a hit as far as a runner's right to continue on past first base.
15. Lead-offs and stealing are allowed. Runner can leave the base when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
16. Stealing of second, third and home will be allowed.
17. In the case of an overthrow off the playing field, the ball is dead, and all runners advance one base. The playing field is defined by the home team ground rules.

### **PITCHING**

18. A pitcher is allowed only 4 innings per game. One pitch is considered one inning.
19. All other pitching regulations are covered by ASA rules.

ASA pitching rules do not allow a pitcher to step back during her pitching delivery. A pitcher must start with both feet on the pitching plate with her hands separated. The only step a pitcher can take is forward, and the hands must come together once during the delivery.