

2010 MOON AREA SOFTBALL COACHES PITCH LEAGUE RULES

Responsibilities of the Home Team Manager

- Prepare the field for the game. Preparation includes positioning the bases and lining the field with base lines and a batter's box
- Return bases, lime, lining equipment to lock box, and lock
- Determine whether or not the game will be played. If the game is rained out or cancelled, the managers must notify the concession stand.
- In the event of rain outs or cancellations, to schedule a make-up game, one of the managers must contact the league for field availability.

Defensive Positions

- 10 Players, consisting of pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, shortstop, and 4 outfielders (left field, left center, right center, right field). Outfielders should play on the grass and may not cover one of the bases in the infield.
- Any player playing pitcher, 1st base and 3rd base must wear protective face guards.**

Pitching

- Coaches will pitch to the girls on his/her team. (Coaches will pitch the entire season).
- Pitches should be delivered underhand, with little arc.

Ball

- 11-inch (circumference) A.S.A. certified softball

Player Rotation

- In every game, each player must play at least one inning at an infield position, and one inning at an outfield position.
- Every player must play at least 3 innings in every game.

Batting

- Roster batting (i.e., all girls will bat)
- Batter will be called out if she does not put the ball into play within **8 pitches**. ONE additional pitch will be allowed if the ball is fouled off on the **eighth pitch**.
- There are no walks
- Girls showing up late to a game will be added to the end of the batting roster

Game Rules

- All A.S.A. rules apply, except where superseded by these MASL rules.
- Infield fly rule does NOT apply.
- Play is considered dead when the pitcher gains control of the ball, the runners stop trying to advance, or the umpire/coach calls time.
- Runners will NOT advance in the case of overthrows that go out of play

- Base runners must remain on the base until either:
 - The batter makes contact with the ball.
 - The ball makes contact with the ground.
 - The ball passes home plate.
- Base runner will be called out if, in the opinion of the umpire/coach the base runner intentionally discards her helmet while running the bases.
- No base stealing is permitted.
- No Bunting is permitted.
- The batter will receive a warning the first time she throws her bat. If she throws her bat a second time in the same game, she will be called out and runners may not advance.
- Game shall be started no later than 10 minutes after the scheduled start time.

Game Duration

- Consist of 6 innings if time permits. All 6 innings should be played if there is no game scheduled to follow, and if sufficient lighting is available for safe play.
- Ten-run rule will be in effect beginning with the 5th inning.

Innings

- Each half inning shall consist of a maximum of 3 outs or a roster rotation (whichever comes first).
- A new inning may not be started within 15 minutes of the game's scheduled end time if another game is scheduled to follow. With this in mind, the managers must agree to designate an inning as the last inning.

Players Arriving Late

- A player who shows up late for a game must be entered at the bottom of the batting order. A player's manager must inform the opposing manager upon a player arriving late.

Players Leaving Early

- If a player leaves early, she will be scratched from the bating roster (without penalty).

Forfeits

- A team forfeits the game if it cannot field at least 8 players.
- A team with 8 players may designate an adult as catcher. In this case, however, all plays at home must be made by one of the infielders (and not by the adult catcher).
- Refer to A.S.A. rule book for more in depth rulings on injuries and forfeits due to an insufficient number of players.

Dress

- Girls must wear full uniforms, Shirt, Shorts, Socks, and Shirt should be tucked in to Shorts.
- Girls may NOT wear any jewelry.

Safety

- All catchers MUST wear catcher's mask and chest protector.
- All girls MUST wear batting helmets while batting and while running bases.
- Only one batter should be "on deck" at any time. All other players to remain in dugout.
- Only team members and coaches are permitted in the dugout area.