

AK Softball League
10 & Under Girls ASA Junior Olympic Farm Team
League Rules Revised 4/19/07

1. Farm team age range is 7 yrs. to 10 yrs. with cut off date January 1st. Can be 11 on Jan 2 and play.
2. Pitching Range 35 feet and Base Run 60 feet.
3. Three "Time Outs" per game per team.
4. Home team supplies one umpire, at least high school age or older. (1st base umpire if available).
5. Games are scheduled for six innings, a new inning cannot start after 8:00 pm.
6. An eleven inch (Green Dot) new softball is to be used for all games, one new to start .
7. All players must play a minimum of two consecutive innings per game. Players should be in the game by at least the fifth inning. Please check with the scorekeeper, a game can be forfeited.
8. Stamp approved helmets with chinstraps and face masks must be worn by batters and runners.
9. Batting order is 1 to whatever number of players on a team. No more than 10 batters per inning. After tenth batter bats and play is complete, that part of the inning is over. Even if player is not in the field, they still bat in the order.
10. Batting out of order is an automatic out.
11. Throwing the bat is an automatic out after one team warning.
12. Batters hit by a pitch have the option of taking a base or to keep batting.
13. All play stops when the ball is thrown to the Pitcher's Mound (15' circle – 7 ½' radius). "Running" base runners advance to the next base that is in front of them, standing base runners must return to last base they advanced to, No stealing homebase.
14. Runners can advance one base on each throwing error, except when the ball is being thrown to the pitcher, an overthrow to the pitcher is NOT an error. Not automatic base, Do not send batter home.
15. No Bunting, Stealing or Leading off Base. Player may leave the base once the pitch is released. Sliding allowed at bases and at Home Plate it is strongly encouraged for the safety of the catcher and league experience.
16. Coaches pitch to their own batter for the first three innings, eight pitches maximum or three swinging strikes. Batter cannot be called out on a foul ball that is not caught. The last three innings are to be pitched by a player and called by an umpire. (not 8 pitches when player pitches). **Optional ** if both teams have good pitchers then they may pitch for the entire game. This must be agreed upon before the game begins otherwise play by Rule 18.
17. "06" Windmill, Sling-shot, or a natural underhand style pitch is allowed.
18. No intentional walks are allowed.

19. No name calling, or chattering at the other team or pitchers or a Team warning will be issued and a meeting of the ethics committee will occur.

20. No male players are allowed for safety reasons.

21. Outfielders must play at least four feet behind the base paths, this includes short-fielder position.

22. No on field coaching, between the foul lines coaching is allowed.

** Coaches, please do not encourage base coaches to over steal at third base to home plate. We all know that stealing bases is not allowed but, sometimes in the heat of the game the base coach pushes the situation to the limit and says RUN – you are only creating hard feelings towards opposing team parents that spills over to the kids. Our players need to build confidence at this age level not to have parents and coaches encourage poor playing habits. You are in control of your team – Set the rules in the beginning of the year and follow through and be consistent. Send home this message to your parents – Please encourage good sportsmanship at all times.

AK Softball League
12 & Under Girls ASA Junior Olympic Farm Team
Voted on AK-League Rules as of: April 7, 2008

1. Cut- Off Date- Dec.31st / Jan 1. Player Can be 13 years old on Jan 2nd.
2. 40' Pitching Range and 60' Base Run and Six inning Games.
3. ASA approved red Dot ball; official-Worth, Diamond or, Rawlings brands-you can buy white or optic yellow, but only one type or color used throughout the whole game.
4. All Players each have to play at least 2 Consecutive Innings. PER- AK League rule. Player should be in the game by the fourth inning to assure 2 innings.*Subs can re-enter (ASA).
5. 6- Run Rule per inning-(except for the last inning) any number of runs can be scored by both teams in the last inning. (different at State tournaments, they have fewer runs per inning) (*readmitted 2007)
5. (15 runs) = Run Rule- Mercy ruling after the Fifth Inning - AK League rule.
6. A game may begin with 8 players, out on ninth batter. When the 9th player arrives they are placed in the 9th position in the scorebook - No holding earlier position open.
7. No Stealing Home on throw back to the pitcher, or on a passed ball (missed pitch by catcher).This is home base only- stealing is allowed at 1st and 2nd as usual.(This Rule changes for State tournaments/ championship play, please use ASA rule book as a guide.)
8. No DH Rule, No infield-fly Rule. (In-State-State tournaments/ championship play uses current ASA rule book)
9. No badgering the opposing team or abbreviated forms of name calling ex:quotes towards pitchers or batters; these actions are prohibited if it is said to the opposing team, to your team only is fine!!! Coaches are to support good sportsmanship and team participation. You as coaches, Parents are the role models.
10. Third Strike Rule: If the ball is not caught by the catcher on the third strike, the batter can run to first base, Unless ; a.) first base is occupied before pitch is delivered or b.) the strike creates the third out.
11. A two-hour time limit is place on a game. No new inning will start after two hours from the beginning of the of the game, coaches record time of the game start.
12. All other rules by the ASA Rule Book "08" apply. Coaches are responsible for providing the AK rules upon demand by umpire or opposing coach at their games. Coaches should carry both AK pages and ASA rulebook to games.
13. Each player must play a minimum of 20 innings for the season for the AK League to be eligible to play in the AK League Play-off tournament. Exception: if 10+ under players can play (if she has been playing consistently during the season) to provide support for a limited player 12 + team).
14. AK League rule-Official softball + bats w/ "ASA label" encouraged others allowed. Not- allowed at ASA State tournaments and championship play, only approved ASA softball stamped bats then.

15. ALL helmets must be ASA official stamped and with chinstraps and facemask attached. All Players must keep their facemasks on while running the bases.(player first base coach needs a helmet).
16. Visiting team gets the field for warm-ups 15 minutes before game time. The Home team should be on the field earlier. The home team doesn't have to travel as far.
17. Forfeit Time: 20 minutes from scheduled start time. Player-a game can be umpired by a parent if umpire doesn't show up only (there could be a conflict with a high school game length of time). IF agreed upon by both coaches; this will be called a legal game and Coaches need to record it.