

BYAA 12 & Under Softball Rules

1. Ten players allowed on defense, four **MUST** be on the grass.
2. All players will be in the batting line up. All batters **MUST** wear face masks.
3. Teams must start the game with a minimum of seven players. No automatic out.
4. Extra players must be drawn from the league below.
5. Pitchers will pitch from 43 feet and use 11" ball.
6. Stealing is allowed, however runners **CAN NOT** leave base until the ball crosses home plate.
7. When stealing home, runner **MUST** slide if play is being made or automatic out.
8. Batter can run on 3rd dropped strike if no one is on 1st base .If two (2) outs, 3rd dropped strike can run even if 1st base is occupied.
9. After pitcher walks 3 batters then, when 4th batter gets 4 balls coach will come in to pitch, batter will not walk but can strike out. Pitcher will return to next batter, repeat for all walks until end of inning. Starts over if new pitcher takes mound during inning.
10. Six run limit per inning. No open inning.
11. One hour and 15 minute time limit, **no** inning will start with 5 minutes left in game. No extra innings will be played to break a tie.
12. No metal cleats.
13. Have your team ready to play at game time. No infield practice before game time.
14. Before the pitcher starts her delivery both feet must be on the pitcher's rubber.
15. The strike zone is that space over any part of home plate which is between the batters front armpit and the top of the batter's front knees when the natural batting stance is assumed.
16. All players must have equal playing time per game.
17. **NO intentional walking**
18. All other rules covered under MSHSAA.

The umpire's decision is final.

There will be no protests and all coaches will be responsible for educating his/her team and their parents about the "CODE OF CONDUCT"

Teams are responsible for cleaning out their dugout AND bleachers after each game!