

## 2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

ASA rules for 12U and 14U will be followed. Additional rules and requirements are:

1. 5-run limit per inning. No mercy rules after the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning.
2. 70-minute time limit. No new inning can begin after the time limit. An inning started prior to the time limit will be completed. However, if the time expires and there is no way a team can catch up due to the 5-run limit, the game will be called without finishing that inning.
3. Teams are required to bat everyone on the roster.
4. Courtesy runners will be allowed for the pitcher and catcher; they should be the last out.
5. Open substitution.
6. Every player must play a minimum of 2 full innings per game. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, substitution(s) are encouraged to be made to ensure that this rule requirement can be met.  
Teams can play a game with 8 players. If there are only 8 players, the open position must be at the bottom of the line up. An out will NOT be recorded in league play. In tournament play an out WILL be assessed.
7. Middle school player(s) that have played in a scheduled high school game are ineligible to play in the middle school league.
8. Please be ready to take the field 15 minutes prior to your designated starting time.
9. Pitchers will be allowed 3 warm up pitches before the first inning and only one warm up pitch between innings.
10. Pitching distance is 40'
11. No steel cleats.

### Reminders:

1. Hustle in and out!!!! Encourage your girls to have their gloves in their hands when there are 2 outs ready to RUN out on the field. The sooner the inning starts, the more time they will get to play!
2. After each game, quickly leave the dugout so the next team can move in. Double check to make sure you have everything when you leave, including your garbage!
3. Teams waiting to start a new game should be considerate and wait for the previous team to leave before entering the dugout.
4. Lost and found will be located at headquarters.
5. Teach and promote good sportsmanship—be a good role model by being respectful of other teams and umpires.
6. Good luck and have fun!!!