

EASTERN LEHIGH VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

2019 FALL JUNIOR'S SOFTBALL RULES

- The game time is 1:45 minutes. If the visiting team is batting and behind, finish the inning. If the home team is behind, finish the inning. If the home team is ahead and batting, the game concludes at that point. **A tie is a legitimate result.**
- Time starts when ground rules break. The next inning starts when the 3rd out of the previous inning is made.
- A maximum of 4 innings shall be pitched in a game, with only one reentry per pitcher per game, **but the fourth (4th) inning for a pitcher can only occur, if the game reaches seven (7) innings.** Only use drafted pitchers. If circumstances require a non-designated pitcher to pitch, approval will be needed from the Fall Ball Administrators ahead of time.
- If you only have one pitcher show up for the game, talk to the coach before the game. You can pitch your one pitcher for the whole game, but your opponent has the opportunity to just pitch one pitcher. If you want to pitch a girl that hasn't evaluated to finish out the game, do it and we will work it out later. We would rather have the game played than have a forfeit!
- No infield or outfield warm-ups are allowed. The pitcher will get 5 warmups for their first inning per game played, only 3 warm-ups in additional innings.
- Only 1 offensive and 1 defensive conference shall be held per inning. After the initial conference with the pitcher, she must be taken out on the next visit to the mound.
- No player shall sit consecutive innings defensively.
- A running batting order is to be used. Innings will finish at a 6 run cap. Should additional runs score on the final play, the score for the inning will revert back to 6. The 6 run cap rule does not apply in the sixth (6th) inning, or any inning thereafter, where three (3) outs are required.
- Late arrivals are to be added to the bottom of the original batting order.

- A collision rule shall be in effect. A fielder may not block any base unless she is in possession of the ball. A base runner must slide or give herself up to avoid a collision. If a baserunner does not slide and nothing more than incidental contact occurs, the runner shall not be declared out.
- All games are to be played. All rainouts are to be rescheduled and played. The league will cancel any games due to inclement weather. You will be notified no less than 1 and one half hours if at all possible before your scheduled game time by the statistician. **COACHES WILL NOT CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE GAMES WITHOUT APPROVAL.**
- Scores will be kept at all games. Standings will be kept. Playoffs will be held.
- PIAA Rules shall be used. One paid umpire per game will be furnished. The bases will be set at 60' and the Pitcher's Mound will be set at 43'.
- Catchers will be immediately pulled from a base to get ready to go back on the field and replaced with the last out from that inning or the previous inning should she be the leadoff hitter.
- Games will be played at 12, 2 and 4. No game will start prior to these times unless agreed upon by the coaches. If a game exceeds 1:45 minutes, the teams will be given a 30 minute grace period starting as soon as the game ends. I would prefer that we start the next game 15 minutes after the previous game has ended. Games will start no later than 2:15 and 4:15. If a game goes much longer than expected, either for injury or extra innings, there will be no break in between games. Without having light's we will not be able to get the games played.
- PLEASE PUSH YOUR PLAYERS/PARENTS TO GET FOOD IN THE PLAYERS QUICKLY AFTER THE GAME!
- Regular spring rules apply except for the above changes for fall.

DO NOT RUN UP THE SCORE!

If you have a big lead, change pitchers (Starter can always re-enter). Stop stealing, taking extra bases etc. This is the coach's responsibility.

Have the girls run on and off the field between innings. Have your catcher and pitcher ready to take the field. Use 5 warm up pitches first appearance, 3 every additional inning. Keep the game moving. Make your position assignments the night before the game or worst case before the inning is over, not after the inning.