



ELV Softball

Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League

2020 FALL JUNIOR'S SOFTBALL RULES

- Length of a game is (7) innings. There is no time limit. In the event of bad weather or darkness, a game shall be considered complete after five (5) innings, or four & a half innings (4-1/2) if the home team is leading. In the event that the home team is ahead by twelve (12) runs after four & a half innings (4-1/2) innings, or the visiting team is ahead by twelve (12) runs after the five (5) innings, or at the completion of any inning thereafter.
- **A tie is a legitimate result.**
- A maximum of 4 innings shall be pitched in a game, with only one reentry per pitcher per game.
- 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.
- 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 a 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 40'.
- 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.
- 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. Don't try to make outs, we have a run limit that will assist. 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.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY! Please focus on having distance with your players, coaches and parents.