



# **ELV Softball**

**Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League**

## **2022 FALL JUNIOR'S SOFTBALL RULES**

- Length of a game is (7) innings. In the event of bad weather or darkness, a game shall be considered complete after four (4) innings, or three & a half innings (3-1/2) if the home team is leading.
- **The game time length is 2:00.** 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 can conclude at that point. We strongly encourage that we play the inning out, so we play as many innings as possible to get the girls extra innings played. **A tie is a legitimate result.**

No new inning starts after Two Hours (120 minutes). If a new inning starts before the time limit you play out the inning – **the game doesn't revert back to the previous inning** – the home team bats and finishes the game.

- In between games if each team agrees take a 15 minute break, depending on weather and darkness. If you play a new team you can take a 15 minute break before starting your next game.
- No Mercy Rule – play to the time limit
- 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. You cannot pitch more than three innings in a row other than extra innings
- 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.
- Each player must play at least three (4) Innings in the field in each game of seven (7) innings or a minimum of two (3) innings in any game of six (6) innings or less that is shortened due to darkness, weather or mercy rule. **A player can sit two innings in a row in the first four innings of the game. After the fourth inning no player can sit in consecutive innings. DON'T** not start the same players every game.

- A running batting order is to be used. Innings will finish with a 6 run cap. Should any additional runs score on the final play, the score for the inning will revert back to 6. The 6 run cap rule doesn't apply in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning and every inning after. The defensive team must get three outs to end the inning.
- Late arrivals are to be added to the bottom of the original batting order. Try to change your bottom and top of your orders from game to game, so girls get equal at bats
- 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 home team will cancel any games due to inclement weather. We will try to notify you 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 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.
- **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.

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