

# RULES



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## Tournament Rules

*All rules not specified in the general rules will follow the 2017 A.S.A. "Official Rule Book"*

- A total of 10 players will be allowed on defense, of which at least 4 have to be female. There is no maximum in terms of females playing in the field on defense.
- Teams will be allowed to bat up to 12 players.
- There will not be a limit imposed on the overall number of players on each team.
- Each team will maintain their own scorecard.
- Games should start at the exact time designated on the league schedule, but 2 minutes of infield practice will be allowed to each team in any case. Between innings, teams are limited to 3 warm-up pitches.
- A shoe shall be considered official if it is made with either canvas or leather uppers or similar material with rubber soles. Any cleats are to be of 1-piece molded construction. Screw-in or screw-on cleats are illegal. **ABSOLUTELY NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED.**
- Any starting player, removed from the batting order, may re-enter the game once in his original position in the batting order.
- Beginning in round 2, a fifteen-run lead at the end of the fifth inning or a twelve-run lead at the end of the sixth inning, or the end of any inning thereafter, shall constitute a game. In the event that the trailing team is down by twenty or more runs after it has batted four times, the winning team will be declared the winner, and the game is over.
- Players will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count.
- A foul ball hit after two strikes is an out.

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## Tournament Rules (continued)

- If a defensive player has the ball at any base awaiting a runner, the runner must walk into a tag, slide, or otherwise avoid contact with the defensive player without leaving the base line. Otherwise, the umpire shall call the runner out. Flagrant abuse of this rule is unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in expulsion from the game. **When a fielder not in possession of the ball, or not in the act of fielding a batted ball impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases, obstruction shall be called.**
- All outfielders must remain in the outfield grass and in their assigned order (LF, RF, CF).
- Male defensive players may wear no gloves or mitts. Female defensive players may wear a glove. Females playing catcher or first base may wear a glove or a mitt.
- **NEW A.S.A. Rule 6-3H - Changes Maximum Height of Pitch from twelve feet to ten feet beginning in 2013.** A pitched ball shall be delivered with a perceptible arc at moderate speed while not exceeding a maximum height of **10'** from the ground.
- The use of courtesy runners is discouraged, unless dictated by an injury. If a player cannot run the bases they should not be playing. Teams should not feel pressured into allowing them. If, however, a courtesy runner is allowed, they shall be of the same gender and:
  - a) a non playing player or, if none are available,
  - b) the last player to make an out for this team.
- The double first base will be used. On the initial throw to first base from the infield or outfield the batter-runner **MUST** touch the orange portion of the base. The defensive player **MUST** always touch the white portion. This rule is in effect only on the initial play at first base.