

Sachem Youth Baseball/Softball Association League Rules - Senior Softball

Equipment:

1. ASA approved equipment must be used at all times
2. Any team members warming up pitchers shall wear a catcher's mask
3. The home team shall supply two new softballs each game
4. Each team shall wear a uniform with same colors, etc. A player must wear the uniform during the game

Umpires: The home team is responsible for paying the umpire.

Suspension Rule: Any coach or manager ejected by an umpire in this league shall not be allowed to coach for the next game. Any subsequent ejection of a coach or manager will result in notification of the SYBS Executive Board and appropriate action will be taken.

Rules:

1. A player may pitch a maximum of 6 innings each calendar week (Monday-Sunday) in which her team plays a total of two or less games, or a maximum of 9 innings each calendar week in which her team plays three or more games.
2. If a player throws one pitch in an inning, that player has pitched an inning for the purposes of this rule.
3. Games shall be six innings in length.
4. Any game called for darkness in which at least 4 complete innings have been played will be considered an official game.
5. Two points for a win. One point for a tie.
6. No inning can start after 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours from the first pitch. (Umpire shall keep time)
7. A game may begin with 8 players. Any less is considered a forfeit. Players can be called up from the younger league during season by contacting the Senior League Commissioner who will contact the appropriate league commissioner to get a replacement player.

8. Pitching distance is 40 feet from the back of home plate to the front of the pitcher's rubber.
9. There is a 6 run rule per inning. Play will continue on a batted ball and all additional runs scored on the play will count. This rule is waived in the last inning.
10. Base coaches may be adults or players (players must wear a helmet).
11. Stealing is allowed after the release of the pitch. Third drop strike is also in effect-bunting is allowed.
12. A runner shall be called out when he/she does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder, at any base, when either the fielder has the ball and is waiting to make a tag, or the throw is on its way (umpire judgment controls) and the fielder is about to catch the ball for the purpose of making the tag.
13. There shall be FOUR outfielders allowed to play in the outfield. Teams can choose to play three if they prefer.
14. You shall bat all members of your team in a continuous batting order. All players who show up for a game shall be in the batting order and play at least three defensive innings. Any player who shows up late shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
15. Rule 14 does not apply to the extent that a late arrival, early departure, injury or game postponement prevents a player from playing the minimum requirement.
16. In order to maintain the condition of our fields the home team is responsible for grooming the field before AND after the game. Extra attention should be placed on the batter's box and pitching circle.

All games are governed by official Babe Ruth Softball Rules.

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