

Girls Major League Fastpitch (Modified) Softball

Revised rules March 2016. All rules are ASA modified pitch rules except where amended and modified by GABSA

1 No Gentlemens rules or agreements.

2 Games are umpired by ASA umpires.

3 A full game is 6 innings or 2 hour time limit from the start time of the game.

4 Teams can play 9 or 10 girls in the field.

5 All players must play a minimum of 2 fielding innings and have one at bat per game. Exception made for a game that ends under the Mercy Run Rule.

6 Pitching distance is set at 35ft. Pitching circle rules will be used.

7 No windmill pitching allowed..

8 Max pitch height is 10 ft. No minimum pitch height.

9 No limitations on speed of or delivery of the pitch.

10 A strike is a pitch that crosses over home plate between the batter's knees and throat with no bounce.

11 Pitchers can pitch no more than 3 innings a game.

12 If there are 3 walks in one inning or a combination of walks and hit batters, the offensive team's coach will come in to finish pitching the inning. A new pitcher must start the next inning. The defensive player (relieved pitcher) must stay in the circle (to the right side of the pitching rubber) during the "coach pitch" release. On any hit ball during this period, the coach must make effort to exit the field of play or stay out of the play and the (relieved) pitcher can react to make a play on the hit. The play is live until the player pitcher has the ball in the circle.

13 No stealing during coach pitch.

14 Stealing and leading off are permitted during "player pitch" when the ball crests the front of home plate or passes the catcher. A runner may only steal 1st through 3rd base. No stealing home at all.

15 A runner may only steal one base at a time and cannot advance on an overthrown ball from the catcher or error by the infield player. If a base runner is on 3rd and a base runner on 1st steals to 2nd and an overthrow or error occurs at 2nd, the runner on 3rd cannot advance home.

16 "Walk-Run Rule" - A walked batter can steal 2nd base if the pitcher has left and not re-entered the circle before the batter reaches 1st base. If the pitcher enters the circle and the walked batter has turned to advance to 2nd base, the runner must commit to advancing to 2nd and not turn back to 1st. A runner on 3rd cannot advance home during this play.

17 No infield fly rule.

18 No slap hitting. Bunting is allowed. No fake bunting. If squared up to bunt, the batter must commit to bunt or pull back.

19 During the first 4 innings, the batting team is retired after scoring 4 runs or having 3 outs, whichever comes first.

20 Pitchers are required to wear face mask. GABSA Supplies one per team, located in the dugout equipment lockers. With the exception of the pitcher and catcher, all other players on the field are not required to wear face mask... but it is highly recommended.

21 No dropped third strike rule. The batter does not have the option to run to 1st Base when the catcher drops the 3rd strike.

22 All players are required to have chin straps and a face mask on their batting helmets.

23 Mercy run rule is 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings.