

Duluth Area Youth Softball Association

Class A Rules

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PITCHING & STRIKE ZONE:

Coaches should use proper pitching mechanics leaving one foot on the ground at all times.

STRIKE ZONE: *Does not apply.*

The coach or person (minimum age of 18 years old) designated by the coach will pitch a maximum of five (5) balls/pitches to his/her own team.

PITCHING DISTANCES:

The pitcher should be at least 20 feet away from home plate.

BASE DISTANCES: Should be set at 60 feet.

3 Run/3 Out RULE: Teams are limited to three outs or three runs per inning.

The 3-Run Rule is in effect during playoffs.

GAME TIME LIMITS:

Games are timed for 1 hour 30 minutes. No new inning shall start after 1 hour 15 minutes.

PLAYERS:

- Teams may play with 8, 9 or 10 players in the field.
- All players present are in the batting lineup. Teams shall bat round robin. Each batter gets 5 pitches to put the ball in play. There are no walks or strikeouts. If a foul ball on the 5th pitch occurs, the batter is out.
- Substitutions: all boys and girls **MUST** play at least two full innings. Free substitution is allowed at all positions.
- Rovers & Outfielders Positioning: Infielders consist of the pitcher, catcher, shortstop, 1st, 2nd and 3rd basemen. All other fielders are outfielders and must play either in the grass or 10 feet behind the baseline.

UMPIRES:

The home team supplies the game umpire, unless designated by DAYSA.

Umpire Consultation: If either coach desires to speak with the umpire during the game, such conference shall be held at home plate with both coaches and the umpire present.

EQUIPMENT & SAFETY:

IF A PLAYER REFUSES TO USE THE PRESCRIBED EQUIPMENT, THE PLAYER SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME.

IF A TEAM REFUSES TO WEAR PRESCRIBED SAFETY EQUIPMENT, THE GAME IS FORFEIT.

- **Ball size & type:** 11” Softee
- **Bat size:**
Little League bats less than 28”.
High tech bats, double or triple wall, will NOT be allowed in any class.
- **Catcher:** The catcher must wear a helmet, face mask and chest protector.
- **Batters:**
The batters, base runners, on-deck batters and any base coaches under the age of 18 MUST wear batting helmets.

Chin straps are REQUIRED on all batting helmets and must be worn during play.

At no time during game play may any player or team warm up using ‘batting sticks’, hit or practice hitting balls, or use any other equipment other than what is allowed during play.

- **First Aid Kits:** must be made available with each team.
- **Weather:** Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed on the playing field during a thunderstorm or when lightning is present as determined by the umpire.
- **Injuries:** Play shall be immediately stopped on an obvious injury to a player. We are playing for fun. The umpire will award bases upon his or her discretion.
- **Throwing of Bats:** Each player is to drop the bat, NOT throw it. After one team warning at the beginning of the game, the next thrown bat is declared an out and the ball is ruled dead.

SPECIAL RULES:

THERE IS NO BUNTING AT ANY LEVEL IN THE DAYSА LEAGUES

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

There will be **NO** swearing, **NO** alcohol, **NO** tobacco and **NO** drugs of any kind on the playing field, bench area, or spectator stands. **NO** alcohol shall be in the area of the DAYSА game. This applies to coaches, players & spectators.

The Zero Tolerance Policy will be followed by all coaches, players, and fans. Citation cards will be issued to those individuals not in compliance.

EACH TEAM SHALL CLEAN UP ITS BENCH AREA AFTER EVERY GAME!!