

NHAA Playing Rules

GIRLS A, AA, AND AAA SOFTBALL **4TH THRU 12TH GRADE GIRLS**

ASA Softball rules will apply except where NHAA rules differ.

A League special rules – Ages 9-12, 4th–6th Grade

1. 11” softball will be used in all games.
2. There will be no infield fly rule.
3. Players may not step more than 2 feet from the batter’s box to take signals from coaches.
4. Each batter must step up to the plate wearing a helmet with face guard attached. It is highly encouraged that all players wear a protective face guard while playing defense in the infield.
5. Game length will be 6 innings.
6. There will be a five (5) run limit per inning. This does not apply when a team is batting in the last inning. This does not apply during playoffs.
7. All players must play 2 innings in the infield. Catcher shall be considered an infield position. No player may play the same position more than 3 innings unless 9 or less players constitute the roster for that game.
8. No player may pitch more than 3 innings unless 9 or less players constitute the roster for that game. In which case, a 4 inning maximum will be enforced.
9. The pitcher will throw a pitch with little or no arc (flat pitch).
10. There is a maximum of 10 defensive players on the field at a time (4 outfielders). The 4th outfielder may not be placed as a “Rover” or short center fielder.
11. Outfielders must play in the grass or a minimum of 20’ behind the infield players.
12. If 1 hour and 30 minutes (during the school year) or 1 hour and 45 minutes (during summer break) has elapsed since the scheduled start of the game. The next inning shall be considered the last inning and shall not be subject to a run limit. In the event that the run differential exceeds 12 runs, the last inning will continue to be capped at a 5 run limit.

AA League special rules – Ages 12-15, 6th–9th Grade

1. 11” softball will be used in all games.
2. There will be no infield fly rule.
3. Game length will be 7 innings.
4. The arc on the pitched ball shall be 3 to 11 feet.
5. There will be a ten (10) run limit per inning. This does not apply when a team is batting in the last inning. This does not apply during playoffs.
6. All players must play 2 innings in the infield. Catcher shall be considered an infield position.

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AAA League special rules – Ages 15-18, 9th–12th Grade

1. 11” softball will be used in all games.
2. There will be no infield fly rule.
3. Game length will be 7 innings.
4. The arc on the pitched ball shall be 3 to 11 feet.
5. There will be a ten (10) run limit per inning. This does not apply when a team is batting in the last inning. This does not apply during playoffs.