

RBSA BELLES SOFTBALL PLAYING RULES

ASA Rule Book governs softball play except for the following:

The Playing Field

- 1) Both managers shall approve the condition of the field before the start of the game.
- 2) The official diamond shall have 55 foot baselines with a pitching distance of 30 feet.

Equipment

- 1) Shoes – sneakers, multipurpose shoes, molded type rubber cleats or cleats are the only types of shoes to be worn at practices and games.
- 2) Uniform – Each player is provided with a full uniform including hat shirt and pants that must be worn at the games. Safety regulations require that shirts must be tucked in.
- 3) Hair – Long hair shall be kept away from the face tied back in some fashion using simple hair ties.
- 4) Any player functioning as catcher must wear a mask, chest protector, and shin guards.
- 5) Batters must wear batting helmets.
- 6) All base runners must wear helmets.
- 7) Players may not play unless in uniform.
- 8) No player is allowed to wear jewelry of any kind.

Players and Substitutes

- 1) A team shall consist of ten (10) fielders, the tenth, a rover, shall play in the outfield.
- 2) A player may re-enter the game as a fielder.
- 3) Each player on the team shall take a position in the field for a **minimum** of three innings.
- 4) The shortstop and second baseman must play outside the base path.
- 5) No player shall play more than three innings at one position.

The Game

- 1) Games shall consist of six (6) innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first.
- 2) A half inning is over when a team bats around or the defensive team records three (3) outs.

Pitchers

- 1) Coaches will pitch to their own teams.
- 2) Girls' pitching will be phased in during the season and games during the 2nd half of the season will feature combined coach pitch and player pitch.

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Base Running

- 1) No stealing, bunting, leading or infield fly rule.
- 2) If a player hits the ball into the outfield, let the hitter advance to as many bases as she can, within reason. Once defensive team directs the ball to the infield, and ball is in control in the infield, coaches should hold all baserunners.
- 3) Only one base advance is allowed on an error.

Umpire

- 1) The coaches will umpire the game on the bases. (Coach / Pitcher will umpire.)

Rainouts

- 1) Rainouts will be determined by the coaches. Rainouts will be re-scheduled by the league president (Field availability is minimal so games may not be able to be made up).