

SABSA Defensive Mask Policy - R1

USE OF DEFENSIVE MASKS:

Recognizing the unique vulnerability of a Softball pitcher to a batted ball, beginning with the 2014 Spring/Summer Season, SABSA **requires** all Softball Pitchers to wear a Defensive Mask when pitching – in practices and in all games.

SABSA strongly recommends that corner infielders (1st and 3rd) base, *especially 3rd basemen*, wear a Defensive Mask.

SABSA recommends that middle infielders (2nd base & shortstop) asked to play in front of the baseline wear a Defensive Mask.

Fastpitch & Slowpitch:

SABSA provides teams with at least one Defensive Mask per team (to ensure the Pitcher has a mask available) and strongly encourages all Players who may spend time at an infield position to purchase their own Defensive Mask.