



12 and Under BVYSA League- Specific Rules

- Play with 12" regulation softball
- 9 defensive players
- Umpire(s) decision are final
- Stealing is allowed for all bases
- 40' pitching rubber; 60' base path
- All players must bat
- 5 league games to play State Tournament
- 75-minute time limit finish the inning
- Game ties will not be played out
- 7 Runs Per Inning
- 5 warmup pitches for 1st inning and then only 3, unless new pitcher enters

The rules of the USA Softball will be followed with the following exceptions:

1. Our primary objective is to create an environment in which the participants have fun, learn good sportsmanship, and develop softball skills. **Coaches are responsible for ensuring that this objective is met and for the conduct of their players, parents, and fans. The use of tobacco, alcohol, or any other controlled substance by an umpire, coach, or other volunteer during a softball game or tournament is prohibited.**
2. Runners are encouraged to slide on all close plays. If the runner chooses not to slide, she may be called out.
3. Anyone under the age of 18 who is warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's helmet or a batting helmet.
4. Coaches may not be in the field to help instruct their defensive players.
5. Chattering is allowed; calling opposing players by their name or number will not be allowed. The catcher must remain quiet through the pitch.
6. Teams can play with 8 players and no outs will be assessed; however, less than 8 players will constitute a forfeit. In that case, the forfeiting team can borrow players from the other team and play out the game. The umpire(s) will still work the game.