

# **Acton-Boxborough Youth Softball (ABYSB) 2015**

## **League Philosophy**

The ABYSB league is a recreational softball league. The players come to learn how to play softball, improve on their already acquired skills, learn how to be a valued team member, and learn the importance of good sportsmanship. We are made up of many volunteers who give their time and talent to the players in the league. Thank you all!

We count on our coaches to instruct, encourage and motivate players in a positive manner. We count on the players to put forth their best effort for their team. We count on parents to support the players and coaches in the league. It is our hope that by keeping these goals in mind everyone involved has a good season.

Competition: Many players, coaches, and parents strive to excel, and come determined to win. While winning is great, it is absolutely essential no one lose sight of the purpose of this program. If the pressure seems to be mounting, ask yourself: whose best interest am I after? Taunting of any sort by parents, players, or coaches will not be tolerated. Everything that takes place in this program should always be in the best interest of the kids. We want each child to enjoy its softball experience. Thank you in advance for supporting the league philosophy.

## **ASA Rules and Local Rules Modifications**

The ABYSB league follows the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America Official Rules of Softball. An ASA Participant Manual that includes the official rules will be provided to all coaching volunteers. The local rules modifications noted in this document are meant to adapt our league rules to the age groups of our divisions and the recreational nature of our league. The local rules modifications will also include key topics from the ASA rules, as well as a summary of talking points for the coaches per game “ground rules” discussion with umpires.

In summary, ASA Rules apply except where specific Local Rules Modifications are detailed in this document.

**ABYSB  
U6 Division  
Local Rule Modifications for 2015**

Rule 2 – Playing Field (Fast Pitch Rules apply)

- Section 1 - Baseline distance is 50 feet. A field that has permanent bases uses a 60-foot baseline. These permanent bases should not be used.

Rule 3 – Equipment

- Section 1 – Official Bat – League supplied bats should be used. Any bat brought by a player must be marked “Official Softball” by the manufacturer and must be approved by the umpires.
- Section 3 - Ball – An 11 inch safety ball is used
- Section 5 – Protective Gear – Helmets must be worn by the batter, base runners, pitcher, and first and third basemen. Players who refuse to wear required protective gear will not be allowed to play.

Rule 4 – Players, Coaches, Substitutes

- Section 1 – Players – Ten fielders are permitted which includes a short-fielder who must play in the outfield. Outfielders must be positioned on the grass. No player should be sat out twice in one game unless all players have sat out one inning. Each player should play at least one inning per game at an infield position.
- Section 8 – Coaches –  
Please coach your team only. This is an instructional league for the players, not an ego trip for the coaches and/or parents. Please use discretion in handling problems on the field. They should be handled quietly among the coaches. Developing good sportsmanship among the players is absolutely essential. Respect the difference between celebrating good plays and showing up the opposition. A specific “Acton Boxborough Youth Softball (ABYSB) Code of Conduct for Coaches” will be read and signed by all ABYSB coaches.

Defensive coaches – Two coaches may stand in the field to assist with player positioning and fielding.  
Offensive coaches – Coaches or knowledgeable parents should coach first and third bases.

Rule 5 – The Game

- Section 3 – Regulation Game – A regulation game is 3 full innings. If it is necessary to cease play due to weather (decision is made by mutual agreement of the coaches), the game may be re-scheduled at the discretion of the coaches. The Division Director should be notified. Rainouts: The decision to cancel games due to weather will be made mutually between the coaches. Make up games may be made at one of the teams scheduled practice times. Please contact the Division Director with the details of the cancelled game and the scheduled make up.
- Section 5 – Scoring of Runs – Do not keep score. At this level, the emphasis is on learning the basics and having fun.
- Section 10 – Time Limit Rule – No new inning may begin after 75 minutes from the assigned starting time.
- Section 12 – Dugout (Bench) Conduct - Players not batting or warming up must remain on the bench with their team. All equipment should be kept out of the playing field. Please have a parent monitor the bench and the on-deck areas.

Rule 6 – Pitching Regulations (Fast Pitch)

- A player fields the pitching position. No pitches are thrown by the player, as all balls are hit from the Tee.

Rule 7 – Batting

- **Section 1 – On-Deck Batter – For safety reasons, batters are not allowed to take warm-up swings while on deck.**
- Section 2 – Batting Order – Every player bats in each inning. The entire lineup should bat once per inning even if 3 outs have been recorded.
- Section 4 – Strikes – There are no walks. There is no bunting. There are no strikes.
- Section 6 – Outs – A player cannot strike out at this level. The batter continues to hit off the Tee until they put the ball in play. The coach should perform the role of placing the ball on the Tee for each swing.

Rule 8 – Batter and Runner

- Section 4 – Runners are Entitled to Advance with Liability to be Put Out

– There is no leading or stealing. For the first half of the season, when an out is recorded, the runner will be permitted to remain on the base to which they were advancing. In the second half of the season, the runner should be sent to the bench if a put out is made.

– On infield and outfield hits, runners may advance only one base. No bases are awarded on an overthrow.

Rule 10 – Umpires

- Section 2 – The Umpire – Coaches from each team will jointly officiate the games. Coaches for the fielding team should make the calls for plays on the bases.

**ABYSB  
U8 Division  
Local Rule Modifications for 2015**

Rule 2 – Playing Field (Fast Pitch Rules apply)

- Section 1 - Baseline distance is 55 feet. A field that has permanent bases uses a 60-foot baseline. These permanent bases should not be used.  
- Pitching distance is 30 feet. You may move in closer, if necessary, but to no more than 25 feet. You may also move back but to no more than 35 feet. For older girls, moving in is not recommended as it will make it more difficult for them to adjust when they move to the U10 division where 35 feet is the pitching distance.

Rule 3 – Equipment

- Section 1 – Official Bat – League supplied bats should be used. Any bat brought by a player must be marked “Official Softball” by the manufacturer and must be approved by the umpires.
- Section 3 - Ball – An 11 inch safety ball is used
- Section 5 – Protective Gear – Helmets must be worn by the batter, base runners, pitcher, and first and third basemen. Catchers **must** wear all protective gear provided by the league. Players who refuse to wear required protective gear will not be allowed to play.

Rule 4 – Players, Coaches, Substitutes

- Section 1 – Players – Ten fielders are permitted which includes a short-fielder who must play in the outfield (on the grass). Players must play in proper positions. Outfielders may not make a put-out in the infield except on a fly ball or double play. There will be no hugging or picket fencing the infield. No player should be sat out twice in one game unless all players have sat out one inning. A player may not play more than two innings in a game at one position. Each player should play at least one inning per game as pitcher, catcher or other infield position.
- Section 8 – Coaches –  
Please coach your team only. This is an instructional league for the players, not an ego trip for the coaches and/or parents. Please use discretion in handling problems on the field. They should be handled quietly among the coaches and umpires. Developing good sportsmanship among the players is absolutely essential. Respect the difference between celebrating good plays and showing up the opposition. A specific “Acton Boxborough Youth Softball (ABYSB) Code of Conduct for Coaches” will be read and signed by all ABYSB coaches.

Defensive: Only one coach should be in the outfield verbally assisting the players who may take a position in the grass between second and third base.

Offensive: It is strongly recommended that coaches be the ones to coach first and third bases, however, knowledgeable parents may be used if necessary.

Rule 5 – The Game

- Section 3 – Regulation Game – If it is necessary to cease play due to weather (decision is made by mutual agreement of the coaches), the game may be re-scheduled if fewer than 3 full innings have been played. The continuation will resume at the exact point where it was stopped. The Division Director should be notified.  
-Rainouts: The decision to cancel games due to weather will be made mutually between the coaches. Make up games may be made at one of the teams scheduled practice times. Please contact the Division Director with the details of the cancelled game and the scheduled make up.
- Section 5 – Scoring of Runs – Although you may keep score, at this level, there is no emphasis on it. It is more important that players focus on learning the basics.
- Section 10 – Time Limit Rule – No new inning may begin after 90 minutes from the assigned starting time.
- Section 12 – Dugout (Bench) Conduct - Players not batting or warming up must remain on the bench with their team. All equipment should be kept out of the playing field. Please have a parent monitor the bench and the on deck areas.

Rule 6 – Pitching Regulations (Fast Pitch)

The coach or another adult is the pitcher. The adult pitcher does not field the ball, but the player-pitcher covers the position.

## Rule 7 – Batting

- Section 1 – On-Deck Batter – For safety reasons, batters are not allowed to take warm-up swings while on deck.
- Section 2 – Batting Order – There is a rotating batting order. To retire a side, the offensive team must be charged with three outs or eight batters must have come to bat, whichever comes first. When the eighth batter comes to bat, the offensive coach must announce it.
- Section 4 – A Strike is Called by the Umpire – There are no walks. There is **no** bunting. A foul is not a strike.
- Section 6 – The Batter is Out – If a player throws a bat, the offensive team will be charged with an out. A player cannot strike out at this level. If a batter swings and misses three (3) times, or eight (8) pitches have been thrown, whichever comes first, then the batter proceeds to hit off the Tee. The batter continues to hit off the Tee until they put the ball in play. The coach pitcher should leave the mound and perform the role of placing the ball on the Tee for each swing. The umpire is responsible for counting the pitches and the swinging strikes.

## Rule 8 – Batter-Runner and Runner

- Section 4 – Runners are Entitled to Advance with Liability to be Put Out
- There is no leading or stealing.
- On an infield hit, runners may advance only one base. No bases are awarded on an overthrow. On an outfield hit (must touch outfield grass to be considered an outfield hit), runners must stop advancing once the ball has entered the infield (dirt) area.

## Rule 10 – Umpires

Each team will choose a parent umpire who has knowledge of the rules and can remain impartial. The parent umpire should refrain from coaching the players. If it is necessary that a coach act as umpire, that coach should reassign his or her responsibilities to another coach or knowledgeable parent.

Note: The umpire may field a ball that has been missed by the catcher on a pitch only, but it should be retrieved and handed to the catcher to be returned to the player pitcher.

- Section 2 – The Umpire Should –  
The home team umpire will begin behind the plate and will have the responsibility of counting swings for strikes. Remember there are no walks and a foul is not a strike. The home team umpire is also responsible for making third base and home plate calls, and fair and foul calls.  
The visiting team umpire will be positioned between first and second base and will make the calls for plays on those bases.  
The umpires will rotate positions every inning.
- Section 6 – Umpires Judgment - There will be no questioning of judgment of calls by the coaches, parents or players. ASA rules apply except when modified by local rules.

**ABYSB  
U10 Division  
Local Rule Modifications for 2015**

**Umpire Fee: Each team pays \$20.00 per game**

Rule 2 – Playing Field (U10 Fast Pitch Rules apply)

- Section 1 - Baseline distance is 60 feet. Pitching distance is 35 feet for both coach pitch and player pitch.
- Section 2 – The umpire will review the boundaries of the playing field with the head coaches before the game begins.

Rule 3 – Equipment

- Section 1 – Official Bat – League supplied bats should be used. Any bat brought by a player must be marked “Official Softball” by the manufacturer and must be approved by the umpires.
- Section 3 – The Official Softball – An 11 inch ball is used. Exception: During the player pitch section of the game (innings 2 and 3), an 11” safety ball is used.
- Section 5 – Protective Gear – Helmets **must** be worn by the batter and base runners. ASA mandates a cage and chin strap for U10 and up. Protective head-gear for pitcher, first and third basemen are optional but strongly recommended. Catchers **must** wear all protective gear provided by the league. Players who refuse to wear required protective gear will not be allowed to play.

Note: Since sliding is allowed, a sliding pad is recommended.

Rule 4 – Players, Coaches, Substitutes

- Section 1 – Players – Ten fielders are permitted which includes a short-fielder who must play in the outfield (on the grass). A team may not begin a game with fewer than 8 players. This is an ASA Safety rule. Players must play in proper positions. Outfielders may not make a put-out in the infield except on a fly ball or double play. There will be no hugging or picket fencing the infield. No player should be sat out twice in one game unless all players have sat out one inning. A player may not play more than two innings in a game at one position. Each player should play at least one inning per game as pitcher, catcher or other infield position.
- Section 8 – Coaches –  
Please coach your team only. This is an instructional league for the players, not an ego trip for the coaches and/or parents. It is of utmost importance that the less skilled players be recognized and encouraged as much as the more skilled players. Please use discretion in handling problems on the field. They should be handled quietly among the coaches and umpire(s). Developing good sportsmanship among the players is absolutely essential. Respect the difference between celebrating good plays and showing up the opposition. A specific “Acton Boxborough Youth Softball (ABYSB) Code of Conduct for Coaches” will be read and signed by all ABYSB coaches.

Defensive: Coaching should only be done from the sideline. If player positions need to be adjusted, this should be done before an inning begins or a time out should be requested before going on the field.

Offensive: It is strongly recommended that coaches be the ones to coach first and third bases. However, knowledgeable parents may be used if necessary.

Rule 5 – The Game

- Section 3 – Regulation Game –If it is necessary to cease play due to weather, the game may be re-scheduled if fewer than 5 full innings have been played, or if the home team (2<sup>nd</sup> to bat) has scored more runs in four or more innings than the opposing (away) team has scored in five or more innings. Games that are not considered regulation will resume at the exact point where it was stopped.  
- Note: The Scheduling Coordinator should be contacted to schedule the continuation. Once that is done, the Umpire Coordinator needs to be contacted to see if an umpire can be scheduled, and finally the Division Director needs to be contacted and informed of the details.

Rainouts: The decision to cancel games due to weather will be by mutual agreement of the coaches. The home team’s coach must contact the umpire coordinator, two hours before game time. The umpire receives his fee if he reports to the field and there is no game. The Division Director should also be notified of the cancellation. There will be no scheduled make-up.

- Section 10 Time Limit Rule - No new inning may begin after 90 minutes from the assigned starting time.
- Section 12 – Dugout (Bench) Conduct - Players not batting or warming up must remain on the bench with their team. All equipment should be kept out of the playing field. Please have a parent monitor the bench and the on deck areas.

## Rule 6 – Pitching Regulations (Fast Pitch)

### Notes:

- 1) A pitcher must begin with both feet in contact with the pitchers plate. The pitcher may take only one step off the rubber when pitching. The step must be forward and toward the batter within the 24-inch length off the pitchers plate.

Note: Umpires at this level usually give a lot of latitude with the legal delivery of the pitch.

- 2) The ball is pitched by the coach or another adult, except as follows: in the first and second innings of each game, a player from each team will pitch. (Remember to use the appropriate ball)

## Rule 7 – Batting

- **Section 1 – On-Deck Batter – For safety reasons, batters are not allowed to take warm-up swings while on deck.**
- Section 2 – Batting Order – There is a rotating batting order. To retire a side, the offensive team must be charged with three outs or eight batters must have come to bat, whichever comes first. When the eighth batter comes to bat, the offensive coach and the umpire must announce it.
  - Exception: During the player pitch segment, only six batters in the rotation will come to bat. When the sixth batter comes to bat, the offensive coach must announce it.
- Section 4 – A Strike is Called by the Umpire – Bunting is allowed but not required. No FAKE BUNTING is allowed. (Batter cannot show bunt, draw in infield and then pull back and swing away) This is for safety reasons.
  - During the player pitch segment of the game, balls and strikes are called. During the coach pitch segment, strikes but not balls are called. There are no walks during coach pitch but a player may be called out on strikes if they do not swing at pitches that are called strikes by the umpire. Note that most umpires at this level will use a wide strike zone for the player pitchers.
  - A foul counts as a strike, except if there are two strikes on the batter, in both coach and player pitch.
- Section 6 – The Batter is Out – A player strikes out after swinging and missing three times.
  - A bunted ball that is bunted foul when the batter has a count of two strikes, counts as strike three and the batter is out. If the bunted ball is caught in the air, it remains live and in play.
  - If a player throws a bat, the offensive team will be charged with an out.

## Rule 8 – Batter-Runner and Runner

- Section 1 – The Batter Becomes the Batter Runner – There is no dropped third strike. Infield fly rule is NOT in effect.

Hit by a pitch (player pitch only): A batter becomes a batter-runner when a pitched ball not swung at nor called a strike touches any part of the batter's person or clothing while in the batter's box. It does not matter if the ball strikes the ground before hitting her. The batter's hands are not to be considered a part of the bat.

Effect: The ball is dead. The batter is entitled to one base without liability to be put out.

Exception: If no attempt is made to avoid being hit, the umpire calls either a ball or a strike. (ASA)
- Section 4 – Runners are Entitled to Advance with Liability to be Put Out
  - There is no leading but stealing third is allowed. A player is allowed to advance with liability to be put out, once the pitch reaches home plate. (Slow pitch rule)
  - On an infield hit, runners may advance as far as they can. On an overthrow at first base, each runner is awarded one base in addition to the base to which they were headed when the ball went out of play.
    - Sliding is allowed but not required.
    - A play is over when the ball is within the possession of a pitcher or other defensive player within the eight foot pitchers circle, at which point time is out. However, if the pitcher or other defensive player controlling the ball within the pitchers circle attempts to make a play on a runner either by throwing the ball or by leaving the pitchers circle with the ball, the play resumes, and runners may advance with liability to be put out. During coach pitch, a player from the defensive team and not the coach pitcher, must control the ball within the pitchers circle in order to stop play. **Coaches should stop their runners if a defensive player has control within the pitchers circle. It should not be a game of coaches sending the runners, and umpires returning the runners to the bases.**
- Section 9 – Running Section 10 – Courtesy Runners – If the catcher is awarded a base with two outs, a runner will take her place and the catcher will immediately put on the catching equipment.

## Rule 10 – Umpires

- ABYSB makes arrangements for umpires. The local rule modifications and the boundaries of the playing field should be reviewed with the umpire prior to each game.
- Section 6 – Umpires Judgment - There will be no questioning of judgment of calls by the coaches, parents or players. Umpires are in charge of the game. ASA rules apply except when modified by local rules.

## ABYSB

### U12 Division Local Rule Modifications for 2015

**Umpire Fee: Each team pays \$20.00 per game**

#### Rule 2 – Playing Field (U10 Fast Pitch Rules apply)

- Section 1 - Baseline distance is 60 feet. Pitching distance is 40 feet.
- Section 2 – The umpire will review the boundaries of the playing field with the head coaches before the game begins.

#### Rule 3 – Equipment

- Section 1 – Official Bat – League supplied bats should be used. Any bat brought by a player must be marked “Official Softball” by the manufacturer and must be approved by the umpires.
- Section 3 – The Official Softball – An 12 inch ball is used.
- Section 5 – Protective Gear – Helmets **must** be worn by the batter and base runners. ASA mandates a cage and chin strap for U10 and up. Protective head-gear for pitcher, first and third basemen are optional but strongly recommended. Catchers **must** wear all protective gear provided by the league. Players who refuse to wear required protective gear will not be allowed to play.  
Note: Since sliding is allowed, a sliding pad is recommended.

#### Rule 4 – Players, Coaches, Substitutes

- Section 1 – Players – Ten fielders are permitted which includes a short-fielder who must play in the outfield. A team may not begin a game with fewer than 8 players. The ASA umpires enforce this for safety. If a team has less than eight players, the game is declared forfeited. Teams must pay the umpire but may scrimmage at their option. Players must play in proper positions. Outfielders may not make a put-out in the infield except on a fly ball or double play. There will be no hugging or picket fencing the infield. No player should be sat out twice in one game unless all players have sat out one inning. Each player should play at least one inning per game as pitcher, catcher or other infield position.
- Section 8 – Coaches –  
Please coach your team only. This is an instructional league for the players, not an ego trip for the coaches and/or parents. It is of utmost importance that the less skilled players be recognized and encouraged as much as the more skilled players. Please use discretion in handling problems on the field. They should be handled quietly among the coaches and umpire(s) Developing good sportsmanship among the players is absolutely essential. Respect the difference between celebrating good plays and showing up the opposition. A specific “Acton Boxborough Youth Softball (ABYSB) Code of Conduct for Coaches” will be read and signed by all ABYSB coaches.

Defensive: Coaching should only be done from the sideline. If player positions need to be adjusted, this should be done before an inning begins or a time out should be requested before going on the field.

Offensive: It is strongly recommended that coaches be the ones to coach first and third bases. However, knowledgeable parents may be used if necessary.

#### Rule 5 – The Game

- Section 3 – Regulation Game – A regulation game is seven innings or no new inning may begin after 100 minutes from the assigned starting time, whichever comes first. Weeknight games may be cancelled due to darkness – this is the umpires’ decision. Games may end in a tie.  
- If it is necessary to cease play due to weather, the game may be re-scheduled if fewer than 5 full innings have been played, or if the home team (2<sup>nd</sup> to bat) has scored more runs in four or more innings than the opposing (away) team has scored in five or more innings. A game that is not considered regulation will resume at the exact point where it was stopped. The scheduling coordinator should be contacted to schedule the continuation. Once that is done, the Umpire Coordinator needs to be contacted to see if an umpire can be scheduled, and finally the Division Director needs to be contacted and informed of the details.

Rainouts: The decision to cancel games due to weather will be by mutual agreement of the coaches. The home team coach, must contact the umpire coordinator, 2 hours before game time. The umpire receives his fee if he reports to the field and there is no game. The Division Director should also be notified of the cancellation. There will be no scheduled make-up.

- Section 10 Time Limit Rule - No new inning may begin after 100 minutes from the assigned starting time.
- Section 12 – Dugout (Bench) Conduct - Players not batting or warming up must remain on the bench with their team. All equipment should be kept out of the playing field. Please have a parent monitor the bench and the on deck areas.

#### Rule 6 – Pitching Regulations (Fast Pitch)

##### Notes:

- 1) A pitcher must begin with both feet in contact with the pitchers plate. The pitcher may take only one step off the rubber when pitching. The step must be forward and toward the batter within the 24 inch length off the pitchers plate. Umpires will be looking for legal delivery.
- 2) Pitchers are limited to three innings per game. If a pitcher is relieved in a game before pitching three innings, they may return later in the game, but may not return in the same inning in which relieved.

#### Rule 7 – Batting

- **Section 1 – On-Deck Batter – For safety reasons, batters are not allowed to take warm-up swings while on deck.**
- Section 2 – Batting Order – There is a rotating batting order. To retire a side, the offensive team must be charged with three outs. The inning may end early if a team scores six runs before it is put out three times. The six run limit is lifted for the seventh inning ONLY. (This is a 6 run limit – we do not allow continuation. The last play can continue to its logical end (i.e., the ball in possession in the circle) but only 6 runs will count for official scoring.
- Section 4 – A Strike is Called by the Umpire – Bunting is allowed but not required. No FAKE BUNTING is allowed. (Batter cannot show bunt, draw in infield and then pull back and swing away) This is for safety reasons.
- Section 6 – The Batter is Out – A player strikes out after swinging and missing three times.
  - A bunted ball that is bunted foul when the batter has a count of two strikes, counts as strike three and the batter is out. If the bunted ball is caught in the air, it remains live and in play.
  - If a player throws a bat, the offending team will be charged with an out.

#### Rule 8 – Batter-Runner and Runner

- Section 1 – The Batter Becomes the Batter Runner – There is no dropped third strike. Infield fly rule is in effect. Hit by a pitch: A batter becomes a batter-runner when a pitched ball not swung at nor called a strike touches any part of the batter’s person or clothing while in the batter’s box. It does not matter if the ball strikes the ground before hitting her. The batter’s hands are not to be considered a part of the bat.
  - Effect: The ball is dead. The batter is entitled to one base without liability to be put out.
  - Exception: If no attempt is made to avoid being hit, the umpire calls either a ball or a strike. (ASA)
- Section 4 – Runners are Entitled to Advance with Liability to be Put Out
  - Leading and stealing are allowed and encouraged. A player is allowed to advance with liability to be put out once the pitch reaches home plate. (Slow pitch rule)
  - On an infield hit, runners may advance as far as they can. On *any* overthrow at first, third or home that goes out of play, each runner is awarded one base in addition to the base to which they were headed when the ball went out of play.
    - Sliding is allowed but not required.
    - A play is over when the ball is within the possession of a pitcher or other defensive player within the eight foot pitchers circle, at which point time is out. However, if the pitcher or other defensive player controlling the ball within the pitchers circle attempts to make a play on a runner either by throwing the ball or by leaving the pitchers circle with the ball, the play resumes, and runners may advance with liability to be put out. **Coaches should stop their runners if a defensive player has control within the pitchers circle. It should not be a game of coaches sending the runners, and umpires returning the runners to the bases.**
- Section 7 – The Runner is Out - The ASA “**Look Back Rule**” applies. When a batter gets a hit, play is **live until the pitcher has possession of the ball in the eight foot radius around the pitcher’s mound**. Once possession is made, all runners may only stop once, but then must immediately return to the base or advance to the next base. Failure to immediately return nonstop to the base or proceed to the next base will result in a runner being called out. Once a runner stops at a base for any reason they will be declared out if they leave that base. Exception: The runner will not be declared out if a play is made on her or another runner. (A fake throw is considered a play)
- Section 9 – Running –Section 10 – Courtesy Runners – If the catcher is awarded a base with two outs, a runner will take her place and the catcher will immediately put on the catching equipment.

#### Rule 10 – Umpires

- ABYSB makes arrangements for umpires. The local rule modifications and the boundaries of the playing field should be reviewed with the umpire prior to each game.

- Section 6 – Umpires Judgment - There will be no questioning of judgment of calls by the coaches, parents or players. Umpires are in charge of the game. ASA rules apply except when modified by local rules.