

## **Softball Bylaws:**

National Federation of Softball Rules for 12-inch slow pitch softball will be observed with the following exceptions:

- i. A game may be started and played with as few as 8 players.
- ii. Home team provides scorekeeper.
- iii. Game shall be 6 innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes time limit. No inning may start after 1 hour and 15 minutes unless the game is tied. **No game may end in a tie, continue playing until someone wins.**
- iv. A strike shall be called when a legally pitched ball (batter's height to 12') hit's home plate and/or a specified sized carpet located directly behind home plate (see rule: xii).
- v. A legal sized carpet will be used at all League and tournament games (see rule: xii).
- vi. Pitcher's rubber will be 40' from plate for girls.
- vii. **Ball size: Girls 11"**, Boys 12"
- viii. **Catchers are required to wear a mask.**
- ix. Bases will be 60' apart
- x. Unlimited foul balls.
- xi. A limit of 7 runs per inning except for the last inning. The 6th inning/last inning as deemed by umpire before the visiting team bats would be open to unlimited runs. ***\*This by-law does not apply to tournament games.***
- xii. Carpet must 19" wide and 25 1/2 inches long. It should be 17" from the tip of the plate to the back of the carpet.
- xiii. **Composite or multi-walled bats are prohibited by league rule.**

xiv. \*Batter/base runners are required to wear an approved (certified by a governing body such as the *National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: NOCASAE*) batting helmet while at bat as well as while running on the base path(s).

xv. \*Pitchers, any player playing the position of pitcher must wear an approved (certified by a governing body such as the *National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment: NOCASAE*) face guard while delivering pitches to a live batter.

*\* Added for 2016-2017 season and every subsequent season thereof.*

xvi. Added "Mercy Rule" : If one team is ahead by 10 runs or more after 4 complete innings of play; the game officially ends. ***(Does not apply to league Playoff/Tournament Games played.)***

xvii. The League Championship Game will be played with no run limit nor constraint of time. ALL six innings will be played to determine the winner.

*\*xvi & xvii Added for the 2017 season and each subsequent season thereof.*