

South Dayton Community Fast Pitch Softball League

23U College League Official Rules



2011

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ASA "Recreation" League Intercommunity Softball League Specific Rules

1. GIRLS 23U COLLEGE LEAGUE RULES (Exceptions to Official ASA Softball Rules)

Legal Team

1. Nine (9) players shall constitute a team, but teams shall be permitted to play with eight (8) players (see Section IX.42 Player Pick-Up Rule for utilizing players from other teams or a lower league).

Pitching

2. Pitchers are allowed one re-entry. Pitchers must be removed after hitting three (3) batters in one inning and may re-enter the game at the pitching position subject to the one re-entry rule.
3. ASA Softball Rules require pitchers do the following:
 - A. Start with both feet in contact with the rubber and hands apart when starting the pitching rotation.
 - B. The pitchers must begin with both feet in contact with the rubber and come forward (i.e. not step back) to the plate as part of the pitcher's motion.
 - C. Drag the back foot as the Pitcher's motion takes her toward home plate (i.e. cannot hop in an effort to gain more velocity on the pitch).

Managers and Coaches are to teach the girls the proper technique for pitching. Such rules will be fully enforced for all College League games.

4. Any pitch declared "illegal" by the umpire shall be declared a "ball" with no advancement by runners unless the batter swings and makes contact. If contact is made, the ball is live and runners advance accordingly. If the batter swings and fouls the pitch, a strike shall be registered. If the batter

swings and misses, a strike shall be registered and the runners may not advance.

5. Intentional walks are permitted but the pitcher must throw four (4) balls.
6. A circle, eight (8) feet in radius and sixteen (16) feet in diameter, shall be lined around the pitching rubber.
7. Distance from the front edge of the pitching rubber to the base edge of home plate is forty-three (43) feet.

Stealing

8. Stealing/Lead offs can occur after the ball leaves the pitchers hand.

Bunting

9. Bunting is allowed in this league.

Maximum Runs

10. Pursuant to ASA rules, there is no limit to the number of runs a team can score in any inning. Following ASA rules, a complete game will be declared if after four and half (4 ½) innings the home team is ahead by 12 runs or more and if after five (5) innings the visiting team is ahead by 12 runs or more.

Look-Back Rule

11. The Look-Back Rule pertaining to base runners' actions while the pitcher has the ball in the pitching circle will apply. There will be one warning per team per game. Subsequent occurrences will result in the runner being declared out.

Dropped Third Strike

12. The dropped third strike rule will be enforced in this league.

Outfielder Positions

13. This league shall field three (3) outfielders.
14. All outfielders must be positioned in the outfield grass until the pitch crosses home plate. If playing on a field with a large infield (i.e. a baseball field), outfielders must be positioned twenty (20) feet behind the bases until the ball crosses home plate.