



MAJOR DIVISION

General rules for game play

- 1) At the first sign of visible lightning or sound of thunder, all play must be suspended for a period of thirty minutes. There are no exceptions.
- 2) All games will be played per ASA rules with the exception of changes listed in this document.
- 3) The batting order will consist of ALL the players in attendance for that game.
Girls arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
- 4) All girls are required to start at least two innings on defense with the only exceptions due to illness/injury.
- 5) A 12" softball will be used for all games. The distance from the mound to home plate will be 40'. All pitchers are required to start from the mound.
Exception - pitchers taking instruction this year may substitute an 11" softball.
- 6) The infield fly rule will not be enforced.
- 7) The dropped third strike will be in effect regardless of outs, as long as first base is unoccupied."
- 8) Stealing is permitted on all pitches. All base runners must remain in contact with the base until the pitcher releases the ball.
- 9) Look Back Rule - When the pitcher has the ball inside the circle, all base runners must:
 - a) Return immediately to the last base reached
 - b) Advance without stopping to the next base
 - c) Any base runner failing to do so will be called out
- 10) There will be a four run limit per inning. The only exception will be in the last declared inning and a team is down by at least four runs. That inning will be played with no run limit.
- 11) No new inning will be started after one hour and forty minutes.
- 12) Girls and coaches will line up at home plate to shake hands after the game.
- 13) Both teams are responsible for clean-up and need to rake out the field after the game. Please fill and level the main areas (home plate, pitcher's mound, the bases etc.) We share the fields at Stevens with the school teams and we are responsible to help out with the upkeep.
- 14) At the first sign of visible lightning, all play must be suspended for a minimum of thirty minutes. There are no exceptions.
- 15) There will be no arguing of the following by any player, coach or spectator:
 - a) Balls or strikes
 - b) Outs or any umpire's judgment calls
- 16) Fielding masks are strongly recommended for all players.

All spectators will be asked to leave after their first offense. Any player or coach will be warned after the first offense. Any subsequent offense will result in ejection.