

Andover Athletic Association
2010 Sr. High Co-Ed Softball Rules

1. Games are 60 minutes long. 12 run rule after 5 innings. An inning must be played in its entirety if started before the time limit. Ties will be played out if time allows. (THE INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER RULE WILL NOT BE USED). Umpires shall start games at scheduled time. If an umpire is late, that begins the 60 minutes. 7 innings will be a complete game.
2. There will be a maximum of 10 (5 girls & 5 boys) and a minimum of 8 (4 girls & 4 Boys) defensive players on the field at one time. There must be an equal number of boys and girls playing defensively at all times. Defensive positioning is entirely up to the coach. Coaches may borrow players from other Andover Coed teams in order to staff a team, but only to a maximum of 10 total players. If a player on their team shows up late they will take the position of a substituting player. If 8 players can not be achieved the team will forfeit.
3. If players arrive late to the game, they will still be allowed into the game, regardless of how many times the teams have gone through their batting order. The late player will be added to the bottom of the roster and roster rules from #4 will apply.
4. Coaches must declare a batting roster at start of game. All players playing defensively must be included in the batting roster. The batting order should be alternated "Boy-girl-boy-girl". Two (2) girls may bat in a row if there is an extra girl (I.E. 6 boys and 7 girls). Two (2) boys may never bat in a row. If there are more boys than girls, boys must be "Stacked" in the order, alternating batting. If a girl shows up later, then the boys can be un-stacked. If a boy shows up later he can be added appropriately so the above rules apply. Deciding which boys are stacked is entirely up to the coach.

Stacked batting roster example:

1. Amanda
 2. Scott/Mike (these two are stacked and will bat every other up to bat)
 3. Bethie
 4. Zach
 5. Dayna
 6. Taylor
 7. Sarah
 8. Jake/Levi (Stacked)
5. If batting 8 (4girls and 4 boys), we would not have an out for the fifth girl. This would apply if they are batting 9 players and 5 are boys.
 6. Injured players are simply scratched from the lineup with no penalty, down to 8 players. Stacking the batting roster (see #4) for remaining boys may be required should a girl leave the game injured. USSSA rule governs ejected players.
 7. Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings defensively.
 8. If a boy walks, regardless of intentional or not, the next girl batter has the option to walk or bat. Choice must be made prior to her first pitch. If she chooses to walk, the boy is automatically awarded 2nd base. According to the AAA rules; the girl must touch home plate before first base and the boy must touch first base before heading to second base. Once the girl batter has taken position in the batters box with a bat she cannot accept the walk.
 9. A forfeit game is 7-0 win

10. Batters cannot throw their bats. Umpires will warn on a first offense; second offense, batter will be called out. Flagrant bat throwing will not receive a warning and player will be ejected.
11. Games will be called because of bad weather at the field by the umpire. Games in progress that have to be called because of weather: 5 complete innings will constitute a complete game.
12. Courtesy runners may run for an injured player and must be the last person to have made an out. A girl must run for girl and boy for a boy.
13. Catchers masks are MANDATORY. Chest protectors and helmets are optional. Coaches are responsible for ALL safety and protective equipment.
14. Infield fly rule is in effect.
15. BATTING HELMETS ARE MANDATORY. HELMETS ARE BE PROVIDED TO ALL TEAMS BY THE LEAGUE.
16. 3-2 count with one courtesy applies while batting.
17. Pitching distance: 50 feet. 12 inch ball will be used for all batters.
18. Each team must have an adult of 21 years of age or older in their dugout or coaching the base closest to their dugout at all times. This person will be considered the coach and shall be responsible for all conferences with the umpire. This coach will also be responsible for players and fan conduct.
19. Each team must furnish their own scorekeeper. The home team will be the official scorekeeper and should verify the score with the umpire after each ½ inning.
20. All bat handles must be taped, unless it is an aluminum bat with a rubber coated grip. Umpires will deem bats legal/illegal. Any player using an illegal, modified or damaged bat shall be called out (dead ball) and ejected from the game. BPF Ruling from USSSA.
21. No metal spikes, bare feet or stocking feet allowed.
22. No watches, rings or earrings allowed. All hats will be worn forward.
23. USSSA umpires will be used for all games and tournaments. Umpires are not required to officiate forfeited games.
24. All players must be on the official AAA team roster. Current graduating seniors are eligible as are players who have attended the current calendar year. Any team playing a player not on an Andover roster will forfeit the game and their next game. Players Eligibility protests should be brought up immediately but not any later than 24 hours of the completion of the game to Pat Wilson, 763-862-1267 .
25. The AAA Director will comprise the protest committee. All decisions of the AAA committee are final.
26. NO SMOKING is allowed on the field or in the dugout area.
27. Season tie breakers: 1. Head to Head competition. 2. Head to head run differential. 3. Total runs scored against in all league games. 4. One game playoff.

28. No pets are allowed at Sunshine park or Andover City Hall fields. Coaches are responsible to inform their fans that they will forfeit the game unless the pets are removed. Umpires have been informed to call the Forfeit and leave the field if the pet is not immediately removed from the park complex. Teams will face additional suspensions if a forfeit is called.
29. A 48 hour notification for rescheduling games is required. The rescheduling coach is expected to contact Pat Wilson, 763-862-1267, email: pwbaseball@comcast.net, with the information.
30. Check hotline AND WEBSITE by 5:00pm of game day for game cancellations (763-755-0405). If no message, games are on and weather decisions will be made by the game officials.
31. ALL games will be played by the OFFICIAL USSSA SLOW PITCH RULEBOOK with the above modifications.
32. Winning Team must email their score within 24 hours of the game. Please submit team name & #, opponents name & #, date of game and final score. Email ASAP to pwbaseball@comcast.net.
33. Any player or coach using abusive language or profanity, committing illegal acts (to include smoking and drinking), involved in physical confrontations, acting disrespectful of coaches, other players or umpires, judged to be maliciously taking a defensive opponent out of a play, found to be intentionally driving their batted ball towards the pitcher will be ejected from the game-NO WARNING WILL BE GIVEN! A PLAYER OR COACH EJECTED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OFFENSES A SECOND TIME, EVEN IF A DIFFERENT OFFENSE, WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. IN OTHER WORDS, AAA IS INSTITUTING A 'ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY' FOR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR ON AND AROUND THE SOFTBALL FIELD.

WE LOOK FOR OUR TEAMS TO HAVE A FUN AND COMPETITIVE SEASON. ALL COACHES AND PLAYERS SHOULD REMEMBER THEY REPRESENT ANDOVER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WHEN INVOLVED IN LEAGUE GAMES AND USING CITY BALL FIELDS. BE THE EXAMPLE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!!