



CGAA SOFTBALL MINORS LEAGUE RULES

All teams will play straight A.S.A. rules unless there is an exception listed below.

1. Game will start between 6:15 and 6:30 at both coach's discretion but no later than 6:30 pm. No new inning shall start in May after 8:00pm. In June, no new inning shall start after 8:15pm unless both coaches agree AND there is no danger to the players as a result of darkness. Then no new inning shall start after 8:30pm.
2. Games will be 7 innings. Additional innings will be played to break a tie. No innings shall start after 8:30 p.m. by the umpires watch.
3. The infield fly rule [is in play](#).
4. All teams must bat all players on the team in order (round robin). There shall be no changing of the batting rotation during the game.
5. Bunting is allowed in Minors.
6. The distance between the bases is 60 feet. The 12inch white stitched ball will be used.
7. Stealing of all bases will be allowed all season. Runners must stay on the base until the ball crosses home plate. Runners may not advance past 1st on a walk.
8. Pitcher will throw seven warm up balls before beginning to pitch. Only five warm up pitches between innings.
9. A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 4 innings in any one game and 7 innings in one calendar week. The pitching rubber will be placed at 40 feet from home plate for Minors.
10. **Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 5 innings per game (in any order) or a total of ten innings in a calendar week. Violations of this rule will be addressed as an ineligible player. The pitching distance is 40 feet.**
11. Teams with 10 players present must play 10 players on defense, four of which will be outfielders (at least 15 feet beyond the bases).

12. The game will be called at the end of the 4th inning or any completed inning thereafter if one team is ahead by 15 runs or more.
13. Dropped 3rd strike is in effect per ASA rule.
14. If a pitcher hits a batter or batters four times in an inning, or five times in a game, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. The batter must attempt to get out of the way of the pitch. If an umpire believes a pitcher has become a danger to the other players, she may be removed at any time. It's the umpire's call.
15. Minors are a uniformed league. Issued uniforms must be worn to be considered a legal player.
16. For innings 1 - 5 of any game, the team leading can score a maximum of 5 runs per inning or until 3 outs are made, whichever comes first. The team that is behind can score runs until they are a maximum 5 runs ahead or 3 outs are made, whichever comes first. There is no run limitation on either team after the 5th inning.
17. Any batter or runner who intentionally loses their helmet shall be declared out. The ball will become dead and all runners must go back to the last legally held base.

****League Note:**

The 2009 season is a combined Minor/Junior league. The Minor league rule will override the Junior league rule noted in 'red'.

These rules are subject to change by the League Director only to create clarification and/or to preserve the integrity of the game. Changes will only be made with proper communication to all coaches.