

## **2011 '12U' Division Rules**

At this level of play, the division follows most ASA championship guidelines appropriate for this age level. However, we continue to have all players batting in the line-up and keep an open defensive substitution policy. All girls should have lots of fun playing on their team and continue to make friends.

- 1. The division will play with 12" hard balls for every game.**
- 2. Regulation game is six-innings. No new inning may start after 1 hour 40 minutes and there is a 2 hour hard stop. Official inning time will be the moment of the last recorded out.**
- 3. A team must have a minimum of eight players to start game. Players arriving late are inserted at the bottom of the batting order. No penalty out is taken for missing ninth player.**
- 4. Nine players on defense. 10 players on defense for inter-league games.**
- 5. All players bat in the batting order.**
- 6. All players must play a minimum of three innings on defense.**
- 7. Players may be substituted openly into the game. Only pitching changes are recorded.**
- 8. Four run limit for the first four innings, unlimited for the remaining innings, or when the teams and umpires determine the last inning. Umpires will announce "unlimited inning" prior to starting that inning. Interleague plays four run limit for the first 3 innings.**
- 9. Mercy rule of 13 runs after four innings.**
- 10. Base runners may steal home.**
- 11. Batters may run to first base on a dropped third strike with first base open and less than two outs and anytime with two outs.**
- 12. Pitchers may pitch six innings a week Saturday through Friday.**
- 13. Pitchers removed from the mound during a game may return to the mound in the same game at any time as long as she is eligible to pitch.**
- 14. A pitcher must be relieved if she unavoidably hits three batters in an inning. She may return to pitch in later innings, but if she hits another batter she must be relieved from pitching for the remainder of the game.**
- 15. If an illegal pitch is committed, the pitch will be called a ball and the runner(s) will not advance.**

## **PLAYOFF RULES:**

1. **Game time becomes no new inning after 1 hour 40 minutes with NO hard stop.**
2. **Pitchers can pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.**
3. **Pitchers can pitch additional innings in extra innings.**
4. **Extra innings are after the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.**
5. **If tied at the end of regulation time, international tiebreaker rules apply.**