

PLANO SPORTS AUTHORITY GIRLS' FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

2009 LEAGUE RULES – 5th and 6th Grade League

The PSA Softball Board shall govern playing rules

1. **AGES:** Rule govern players on 5th and 6th grade teams.
2. **TEAM SIZE:** Fifteen (15) maximum.
3. **DIMENSIONS:** Bases - 60 feet, Pitcher's Plate - 35 feet.
4. **GAME:** 7 Innings.
5. **TIME LIMIT:** 80 Minutes.
6. **PSA FIVE (5) RUN RULE:** In effect (Inning ending)
7. **OFFENSIVELY:**
 - A. Continuous batting order of all players.
 - B. Players arriving after umpire has started game shall be entered at the end of the batting order.
 - C. A substitute or "pinch" runner for an injured player shall be the batter who made the last out.
8. **DEFENSIVELY:** Ten (10) players in the field (4 outfielders). Eight (8) players minimum to field a team. NOTE: The missing 9th and 10th batters are not an automatic out.
9. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Yes, Pitchers may only pitch 3 innings per game, No Exceptions
10. **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME:** See General Rules Paragraph C
11. **PSA BAT THROWING RULE:** In effect.
12. **PSA MALICIOUS CONTACT RULE:** In effect.
13. **PSA TWELVE (12) RUN RULE:** (Game ending) Not in effect.
14. **STRIKE ZONE:** Armpits to top of knees.
15. **BUNTING:** In effect. (Note: A player's third attempt to bunt and the ball goes foul the batter is out.
16. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** In Effect.
17. **STOPPING OF PLAY:** At the discretion of the umpire.
18. **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:** Batter is out.
19. **PITCHING:** No player shall pitch more than 4 innings per game and the innings pitched cannot be 4 consecutive innings. Delivery of one (1) legal pitch shall constitute having pitched one (1) full inning.
20. **BASE STEALING:** A base runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball crosses home plate. Any violation will result in the base runner being declared out
21. **ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW** Regular ASA
22. **LEAGUE/DIVISION STANDINGS:** To be determined by the League Coordinator in the following manner:
 - A. League. Best overall league record.
 - B. Division. Best division record.
 - C. All Tiebreakers.
 1. Record in head-to-head competition.
 2. Coin flip by League Coordinator.NOTE: There will be a post season tournament to determine the league champion.
23. **BALL SIZE:** Regular ASA (12 inch)
24. **ABBREVIATED GAMES:** In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be ruled official if the losing team has batted at least four (4) complete innings. The score will revert to the last complete inning to determine the winner. If four (4) full innings have not been completed, the game shall be declared a suspended game.
25. **SUSPENDED GAME:** A suspended game will be rescheduled using the following criteria:
 - A. The game will resume at the point of interruption, with the same game situation and remaining time.
 - B. The umpire will inform both coaches of the remaining time and note the time in the home team's score book. The umpire will also sign the score book.
 - C. The home team coach will inform the League Coordinator that a suspended game has occurred and supply the League Coordinator with a copy of the score book pages.
 - D. The League Coordinator will reschedule the suspended game within the same week, whenever possible.
26. **HIT BATTER** - If the batter is hit by a pitch, it is at the discretion of the umpire to award the batter first base. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one game, she may not pitch the remainder of that game.