

PAA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL RULES

1. The official's coordinator will assign one game official unless two officials have been requested (by the home team) and are available. Officials will be paid according to the published pay schedule. Prior to each game when coaches exchange line-ups and discuss ground rules, the head coach of each team shall present the umpire with one game ball and one-half of the official's fee (or present voucher for signing).
2. League coaches shall be outfitted in attire, which indicates the member institution for which they coach. Also, coaches are responsible for having their players properly equipped as well as in proper uniforms.
3. Catchers must wear batting helmets with throat protectors that have the current NOCSAE certification. Batters must wear batting helmets that have the current NOCSAE certification. Players who serve as base coaches must wear batting helmets that have the current NOCSAE certification.
4. Steel cleats and/or illegal bats are not permitted.
5. Member institutions shall be responsible for maintaining field safety. Backstops must remain in good repair; fields must be free of debris and have properly secured bases; and there must be fencing between team benches and the field of play.
6. The softball for both divisions shall be NFHSS (National Federation of High School Sports) approved. The baseball for both divisions shall be in accordance with NFHSS standards.
7. Courtesy runners may be used in league games for catchers and pitchers only, providing the runner has not previously entered and then left the game. The same courtesy runner can not be used for both the pitcher and the catcher. Players can be used as substitutes after being used as a courtesy runner.
8. There are no limits established for a pitcher's maximum number of innings.
9. All batters may run to first base if the catcher misses the third strike according to NFHSS rules.
10. Games called by darkness are continued whenever possible from the point at which the game was originally called. Games called by rain or other hazard are replayed in their entirety unless the game had completed 3 innings of a 5 inning game or 4 innings of a 6 inning game as a limit.
11. Games tied at the end of regulation should be played until one team wins. The last out from the previous inning shall be placed on 2nd base to start any and all extra innings.
12. Nine players are used at any one time in league games in the field.
13. Teams must have 9 players at game time (10 minute grace period which comes off the game time) to begin a game. Teams may go to 8 players after the game begins, if due to injury or illness. An automatic out will be recorded for the injured or ill player when it is that person's time at bat. If teams drop to less than 8 players after the game begins, that team then will lose by forfeit. Teams with less than 9 available players due to player ejection will forfeit the game.
14. **The penalty for using an illegal bat/equipment is an immediate out/expulsion from game for unsportsmanlike conduct and followed by a 2 game suspension for the head coach and the player attempting to use the bat/equipment. All bats should be inspected prior to beginning of the game by the official. Any equipment not available for the pregame inspection should not be used. (Revised, August, 2008)**
15. Maximum number of games to be played in a season is 16 – tournaments will count as 2 games regardless of the number of games played.

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	Formative Division	Junior Division
	(5 th & 6 th Grades)	(7 th & 8 th Grades)
Maximum # of Innings	5	6
No New Inning After	1 HR 15 Min	1 HR 30 Min
Game Over Due to Run Rule:		
13 Run Lead After	3 Innings	4 Innings
7 Run Lead After	4 Innings	5 Innings
Girls:		
Mound	35 Feet	40 Feet
Bases	60 Feet	60 Feet
Lead Off Bases	No	No
Stealing	After Crossing Plate	Leaves Pitcher's Hand
Max. Per Inning Run Rule For Entire Game	6	6
Bats	Current ASA Approval w/ ≤ 2.25 Inch Barrel	Current ASA Approval w/ ≤ 2.25 Inch Barrel
Flex Rule (Must be noted before game)_	No	Yes
Balk	No	No
Boys		
Mound	49 Feet	56 Feet
Bases	66 Feet	81 Feet
<i>Lead Off Bases</i>	<i>Yes</i>	Anytime during live ball
<i>Stealing</i>	<i>Yes</i>	Anytime during live ball
Max. Per Inning Run Rule For Entire Game	6	6
Bats	-8 Differential in Length & Weight with ≤ 2.75 Inch Barrel	-8 Differential in Length & Weight with ≤ 2.75 Inch Barrel
Designated Hitter	No	Yes
<i>Balk</i>	<i>Yes</i>	Yes