Fastpitch Softball League Rules

Official USA Softball Rules will govern play with the exception of the following rules:

1. An Official game will consist of playing at least 5 complete innings (4 1/2 if the home team is leading). Once a game has reached official status, no new inning may begin after one hour and forty-five minutes from the start of the game. Drop dead after 2 hours. Score will revert back to the last completed inning.

2. A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be in effect for each team to field the required number of players before a forfeit is called.

3. Home team is official scorebook.

4. The maximum number of runs a team may score in an inning is unlimited. Mercy rule is if a team is up by 15 runs after the losing team has batted in the 5th inning or thereafter, the game will be declared over.

5. Continuous batting order is encouraged but it is up to the individual managers. One team could play USA Softball rules while the other team chooses to play continuous batting in the same game. Free defensive substitutions are mandatory.

6. When exchanging line-ups prior to a game, coaches must submit a complete line-up (number, last name, first initial) of all players expected to play in that game, including any players that are expected to arrive late.

7. If a player's turn at bat is reached and that player is not available, the coach has the option of taking an out to keep that spot open, or scratching that player with no penalty, as long as there are still at least eight (8) remaining players in the batting order.

8. If a player is injured during her at-bat and must leave the game, the player who made the last out will assume her count and finish the at-bat.

9. If a player has one turn at bat and then leaves the game, there will be no penalty when her turn to bat comes again as long as there is a minimum of eight (8) players in the batting order. Said player may not return to the game

10. Both the pitcher and catcher of record may receive a courtesy runner at any time. Last batted out is courtesy runner.

11. Artificial noisemakers are not permitted at any games. Coaches, players, and parents are required to use appropriate language in appropriate tones at all times. At the umpire's discretion, continued violations will result in a warning followed by an ejection (violator has 5-minutes to leave the facility subject to team forfeit).

12. Any manager or coach ejected from a game will be subject to an automatic one game suspension for their next scheduled game.

13. If excessive or extreme heat warnings are issued by any local weather service, games will be suspended until such a time when this warning has been removed. Coaches should exercise the same judgment for excessive heat as they would for other extreme weather conditions when determining whether it is safe to play. Final decision on "playability" due to excessive heat shall rest with the home team

14. Home team supplies 2 new softballs for the game.