



Rome Girls' Softball League, Inc.

Rules for 19 & under Division

Wednesdays 2018



1. This is a competitive league where coaches will be using this time to practice for tournaments and/or next year's Varsity season. RGSL understands that coaches will be trying different line-ups and playing girls at different positions throughout the season. Each child must play in the field defensively every game though. Liberal substitutions can be made each inning if a coach wishes, but teams are urged to be prepared so as to speed up the game as much as possible
2. N/A.
3. The 'Run Ahead Rule' is in effect for *playoff games only*, Rule 5 Section 9 A & B, page 59; however, the count will be 15 after 5 innings.
4. Medal cleats are NOT allowed at Kost Fields.
5. 6 inning games. The 'Time Limit Rule' will be used on all games except the Playoff final, time will be 1 hour 25 minutes, Rule 5 Section 10, page 59. The 'Tie-breaker Rule' will be put into effect for any game where the score is tied after 6 complete innings, Rule 5 Section 11, page 60 & #54, page 138. Tiebreaker overrules Time limit.
 - Time limit how-to: Both scorekeepers need to write down the time of the first pitch, this identifies the start of the time limit. The end/start of the next inning is identified by the 3rd out of an inning, so if the 3rd out occurs before 1:25, even by 1 second, the next inning is played. If tied at this point, ONE tiebreaker inning is played (except playoff).
6. A helmeted player and/or a coach/adult will coach 1st and 3rd bases.
7. A coach may bench a player, with on site board member approval, because of disciplinary reasons for one game. For a player to be benched a longer period of time, the approval of the player agent is mandatory. You must inform the opposing team and the parent(s) of the girl before the start of the game.
8. An effort will be made to play all scheduled games. Each team will **FIELD 9 PLAYERS** at a time. A game can be started or played with 8 players. The Umpire in Chief (with the Executive Board approval) will determine which team forfeits if a game is not played. **ALL PLAYERS** present will be placed in the **BATTING ORDER**, whether they are actively in the line-up as a fielder at the present time or waiting to sub into the field in the later innings. **BAT 9 IN PLAYOFF**.
9. Scheduled games get preference in the assignment of umpires. Home team is to report missing umpires to the Umpire-in-Chief no later than 5 minutes *before* game time. Contact Umpire-in-Chief also for rescheduling of games and rain make-ups. Umpire-in-Chief (or Executive Board Member) is the only one authorized to cancel, schedule or reschedule games. Except for rainouts, any change in schedule should be made by the Thursday of the week before the game, but must be made no later than 48 hours prior to scheduled game.
10. Each team cleans their own dugout.
11. A player must have played in half of the played games (at least 2 complete innings per game) to be eligible for the playoff. If there are an odd number of season games the requirement will be rounded down.
12. The **SCOREBOOKS** (home teams and visiting teams) are official documents and are subject to review at any time by any executive board member. Out of courtesy for the other team and umpire please use first and last name in the book and your lineups and include your player's jersey number, Rule 4 Section 1 A1, page 47. **The ASA UMPIRE & both scorekeepers must sign the home scorebook and lineup sheet (Bylaws Article IV, Section 12M)**. Failure to do so could disqualify your player and yourself from the yearend playoff.
13. Players need to be listed on League Roster as shown on the website/app to play in games. The maximum number of players per team will be 15.
14. Four adults maximum are allowed to be in the dugout and/or coaching during a game, including scorekeeper and coaches.
15. Either team submits (& the other team verifies) the scores and pitchers to the website within one day of each game, www.romegirlssoftball.org.
16. Standings: Teams will be seeded in the playoff by the results of the regular season play, posted on the website, www.romegirlssoftball.org. Byes will be given to the teams in the order that they finished, if it applies.

These league rules have been reviewed and accepted by the 2018 Rome Girls' Softball League, Inc. Board of Directors. It is expected that each and every manager and coach read and adhere to these league rules. Any ruling not mentioned in said league rules will be referred to the ASA rulebook and follows that ASA ruling.