

K.Y.S.A.

2009 AA Softball Rules

1. Any youth, who is seven years of age, as of January 1, 2002, and not older than 10, is eligible to participate in AA Softball for the 2009 season.
2. The season will begin April 4th and continue through approximately June 7th.
3. Regular season will consist of games with other KYSA and Interlocking teams. (approximately 14 to 16 games)
4. A pitching machine will be used to pitch in games.
5. The entire roster will bat. All players shall have a turn at bat.
6. 10 defensive players will be on field, playing specific positions.
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8. All players are to play equal time and are required to play the infield for a minimum of one inning.
9. Innings will follow the rule of 5/3; 5 runs or 3 outs, or any combination adding to 5 (which ever comes first).
10. Games will be 6 innings. If the weather becomes a factor in play, managers will decide how long the game will continue. No new innings shall be started after 90 minutes.
11. All players are to play equal time and are required to play the infield for a minimum of one inning.
12. Maximum 3 practices/games per week
13. KYSA Facilities field10 will be used as the AA Softball Field.
14. Home team is responsible for preparing the field
15. Home team is responsible for supplying an umpire for the game and supplying him with a copy of these rules.

16. There will be no score keeping.
17. Each batter gets 5 pitches to hit.
18. No bunting will be allowed.
19. No walks will be awarded unless the batter is somehow hit by a machine pitch.
20. Two pitchers will play in the infield, one on each side of the pitching machine.
21. On any overthrows that go out of play, the runner will advance one base.
22. On any overthrow that stays in play, the runner advances only one base at her own risk.
23. Once one of the pitchers has the ball in the 10' radius of the rubber, play is dead.
This is denoted by a chalk circle made around the pitching rubber.

Proposed Rule Evolution

The following rules may be implemented mid way through the season. All teams must agree to participate in the evolution process.

- Score is now kept by the home team
- Halfway through the season 3 pitches to hit
- Bunting will be allowed
- Runners can steal home only.
- Runners will be called out by the touching of the foot, of the defensive player who has the ball, on home plate. This is to discourage injuries at the plate.
- Runners cannot start their leadoff until pitch leaves pitching machine.
- Girls can leadoff other bases, but can only steal if a throw is made to get them out, and only one base per steal. Coaches will be encouraged to have their pitchers only throw if the play is a good one to make, so as not to discourage girls.