



Antelope Valley Girls Softball Association

2021 8u Spring Rules



The 2020/2021 USA Softball official rules of play shall be utilized except where amended by the following rules:

- 1 Both managers are responsible for dragging, watering, chalking the field and putting out the bases before the game. Both managers are also responsible for putting away bases and field equipment after the last game of the day
- 2 No player may participate in any league game until all league fees have been taken care of and the release of liability has been signed and initialed by the player's parent or guardian.
- 3 Teams must bat entire line up and every player must play half of the defensive outs each game. No player may be left out of the game defensively for more than one consecutive inning.
- 4 Four team officials are permitted in the dugout and 2 defensive coaches shall be on the grass field. Offensive coaches must stay in coach's box. Failure to comply will result in one warning then ejection.
- 5 If a team is short handed, players rostered in the current AVGSA spring league in the same age division may be borrowed for the game. **You must use your own rostered players before using rostered players from other AVGSA teams in the same age division.** Borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat at the end of the batting order.
- 6 Pitchers will pitch to batters from the start of the season. If four balls are thrown to any batter, the coach will pitch to the batter. If a coach pitches to a batter, he/she may pitch up to three pitches maximum to the batter. If the batter does not hit the ball, an out will be recorded. After week 3 there will be no more coach pitch. Pitchers will complete the game.
- 7 Pitchers may only pitch for the team they are rostered on. (Pitchers may only pitch 3 innings per game.)
- 8 Players arriving late shall be added at the end of the line-up,
- 9 Dugouts must be left clean after each game.

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- 10 The manager of each team is responsible for the conduct of all players, coaches and spectators of his/her team. If a spectator, coach, and/or player is ejected the manager will be ejected as well. As ejections are based on the judgment of the umpire, no ejection and/or subsequent suspension can be appealed. The penalties for ejections are as follows:
 - A 1st Ejection: Remainder of current game and the following game.
 - B 2nd Ejection: Remainder of current game and the four following games.
 - C 3rd Ejection: Remainder of the Season.
 - D Multiple ejections may result in being banned from the League.
- 11 No new inning may start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. The game will end after 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- 12 After the sixth game, runners occupying 1st or 2nd base are permitted to steal one base per pitch. Runners may only advance one base on an overthrow. Runners occupying 3rd are not permitted to steal home. If a runner or if runners advances beyond the one base she/they are allowed, she/they shall be returned to the one base they are allowed. All outs will stand.
- 13 If a player is removed from the line-up during the game for injury/illness, no out will be assessed for playing short. That player may not return to the game.
- 14 Each team shall bat the entire line-up. Each at bat will consist of three outs or four runs **UP** scored, whichever occurs first. Every attempt will be made to declare the last batter of each half inning. When the last batter is up to bat, the game will be played as if there were two outs regardless of how many outs there actually are. At this point, when the ball is hit, play will continue until an out is recorded or until the pitcher has possession of the ball and has stopped runners from scoring.
- 15 Each team may place up to ten defensive players on the field regardless of the number of players present from the opposing team.
- 16 There will be NO arguing of pitches and/or judgment calls. There will be zero tolerance for this behavior. There will be zero tolerance for this behavior. There will be one warning given and then automatic ejection.
- 17 Any player, coach, or spectator who walks out onto the playing field and/or interferes with the game in any way will immediately be ejected from the playing area (out of earshot). In the umpire's judgment, if the player, coach, or spectator does not leave to outside of earshot within one minute after being asked/told to do so, or comes back within earshot of the field and the manager does not try to



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control the situation, the team the individual is associated with will automatically forfeit the game in questions. Managers will be held to the same standard, and will be expected to leave the field area and not return if they are ejected from a game by the active umpire.

- 18 Managers are the only coaches permitted to approach umpires. All ruling disputes will be settled immediately at the game site. Play will be stopped. The umpire and a league official on duty (if available) will rule on the dispute. If the Board Member on Duty (BMOD) is affiliated with either of the teams involved in the dispute, a request for an additional Board Member to participate may be granted. Once the dispute is decided, the decision is final.
- 19 If a protest is filed, a written protest and \$25 must be filed with the Board Member on duty at the time of the protest. It must clearly describe the incident as well as citing the specific rule being protested. The \$25 fee will be returned only if the protest is upheld. The game must be protested before the next pitch is thrown or it is not a valid protest.
- 20 Cell phone use by coaches and players on the field during a game is prohibited.
- 21 Home plate is cold. Home plate may only be crossed on a batted ball.
- 22 Coaches and managers must assist in enforcing AVGSA's COVID policies, as they are outlined in the COVID PROTOCOL document available on the website.
- 23 Additional regulations can be found in Operating Rules, Article VII.

Note: All Rules and Regulations are at the discretion the AVGSA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may rescind or change Rules/Regulations as deemed necessary to ensure fairness and uniformity across the league.