



Antelope Valley Girls Softball Association

2022 Fall Rules - 10u, 12u, 14/HS



The 2022/2023 USA Softball official rules of play shall be utilized except where amended by the following rules:

- 1) Both teams are responsible for dragging, watering, chalking the field and putting out the bases before the game. Both teams 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 completed.
- 3) All Age Divisions will bat entire line ups. Each player shall play at least half the game defensively except where approved due to discipline, injury or player request. At no time will a coach be allowed to sit a player on the bench for more than one inning at a time except as noted. Players must remain in the game for a minimum of three consecutive outs any time they are entered except where approved due to discipline, injury, player's request or when the game is stopped/completed. Offended players must play in the next game defensively without sitting out except where approved due to injury or player request.
- 4) Only four team officials are permitted in the dugout and two on the playing field during any game. Minimum of one coach per team.
- 5) If a team is short handed, players rostered in the current AVGSA Fall league in the same or lower 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 or a lower age division.** Borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat at the end of the batting order.
******No borrowed players will be allowed in tournament play. ******
- 6) A five minute grace period shall be in effect to enable a team to field enough players to play the game without forfeiting. The five minute grace period is considered part of the game time.
- 7) We will be inter-leaguering with Palmdale Little League and Sierra Little League (14U/HS) this season. Each team will play some games at Palmdale or Sierra Little League. Home rules apply.
- 8) Players arriving late must be added to the end of the batting order.
- 9) Dugouts must be left clean after each game.
- 10) Pitchers may only pitch for the team they are rostered on.(10u Only- Pitchers may only pitch 3 innings per game.)******All Age Divisions may complete games in tournament play******
- 11) The international tie breaker will be used if a game is tied after seven innings only if 1 hour and 45



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minutes have not expired. For the international tie breaker, each half inning will start with the last batter to complete a time at bat in the previous inning on second base. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 45 minutes have elapsed. The game will end and be called a regulation game after 2 hours. **When 2 hours have elapsed, the umpire shall announce that time has expired. If there is a player up to bat, and there is a count on the batter, the game will end when she completes her at bat.** The score of a called regulation game shall be the score at the end of the last complete inning unless the home team has scored one or more runs in the incomplete inning to tie the score or take the lead. The game may end in a tie.

******Tournament play - the final score cannot end in a tie, a winner must be determined. Championship and If games will play 7 innings with no time limit, (10u Championship and If games will be played with no new inning starting after the 1 hour 45 minute time frame. Any inning started will be completed and a winner must be determined. If after the 2 hours has expired and the inning started ends with both teams tied, the international tiebreaker rule will be enforced until a winner is determined.) ******

- 11) The mercy rule shall be enforced if a team is ahead by 12 runs or more after 3 complete innings, 10 runs or more after 4 innings, or 8 runs or more after 5 innings..
- 12) Teams may play with as few as 7 players. No outs will be assessed for playing short.
- 13) 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.
- 14) 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.
- 15) The manager of each team is responsible for the conduct of all players, coaches, and spectators of his 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 followed:
 - A. 1st Ejection: Remainder of current game and the first following games
 - 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
- 16) If a player is removed from the line-up during the game, no out will be assessed for playing short. If a player misses one or more official at bats, and an out has not been recorded for every missed official at bat, she cannot be re-entered in the game. If a player misses one or more official at bats,



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- 17) There will be NO arguing of pitches and/or judgment calls. There will be zero tolerance for this behavior. There will be one warning given and then automatic ejection.
- 18) Any player, coach, or spectator who walks out onto the playing field and/or interferes with the game in any way will 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 control the situation, the team the individual is associated with will automatically forfeit the game in question. 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.
- 19) For the end of the season tournament, **NO** players may be borrowed from any other team. Only players rostered on the team may play.
- 20) Season results and tournament seeding will be determined by win/loss record, head to head, coin toss.
- 21) Cell phone use by coaches or players on the field during a game is prohibited.
- 22) Each team is responsible for having a scorekeeper. The "Home" team is responsible for scorekeeping using the GameChanger app.
- 23) Managers are required to notify the AVGSA Board if any player or coach tests positive for Covid.
- 24) Each team will be responsible for snack bar hours. They will be in 2 hour shifts. Schedule will be out soon.
- 25) Additional regulations can be found in Operating Rules, Article VII

RIF-10-USA/ASA Approved Ball will be used in the 10u Division.

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.