

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SOFTBALL LEAGUE (Updated 3/15/18)

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TOURNAMENT RULES

8-13 AGE DIVISIONS

All Regular Season Rules Apply Unless listed Below

1. Tournament players must be on regular season rosters approved by local league director before season begins and play in 50% of games scheduled during the regular season to be eligible for tournament play. Any kids added off of waiting lists must be approved by league directors. Players with injuries limiting regular season play must be approved by their local league director. Only players who played during regular season on their team may compete on that team during the tournament. If a team discontinues or cannot play during the tournament those players on that team are not allowed to play in the tournament on any other team.
2. Games are 6 innings
3. 6 runs per inning may be scored. If a team is behind by 7 runs or more with only one time remaining to bat, the game is over or 13 runs with 2 innings to play.
4. A fifteen run rule is in effect after 3½ innings if home team is ahead and after four innings if visiting team is ahead.
5. (Ages 11-13) 6 runs per inning may be scored. If a team is behind by 7 runs or more with only one time remaining to bat, the game is over or 13 runs with 2 innings to play.
6. A pitcher may pitch AN UNLIMITED number of innings in tournament.
7. **All players**, including the pitcher, may re-enter the game one time. The starting pitcher may reenter the game one time as a pitcher. **All players must remain in their same spot in the batting order.**
8. No infield fly rule for 8-10 division.

9. All players present at the start of the game must bat once and play three outs in the field. Any violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game. A violation must be discovered by opposing team and brought to the attention of the umpire or game site manager no later than 10 minutes following the conclusion of the game in which the violation occurred. **The player participation rule is waived for games shortened due to the 15 run rule or due to weather.**
10. The coach must inform the umpire of any player who arrives late or for disciplinary or illness reasons will not play as required above.
11. A team must field no less than 8 players to start a game. The batting 9th batting position in the line-up will be an out when only 8 players or less are in the game. Players may enter game anytime as soon as they arrive.
12. A team may have up to 10 players on the field and in the line-up in the 8-10 and 11-13 leagues. If 10 players are in the field, four of them must be in the outfield. The outfield begins ten yards behind the base path.
13. If a game is called because of weather, darkness or any reason other than rules 3 & 4 (above), the game will be continued from the point of interruption at a make date/time.
14. (Ages 8-10) No head first slides allowed. Penalty will be an automatic out. A player may dive back to a base.
15. No team will be compelled to play more than two games in any one day.
16. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be out for the remainder of that day and the next day that the team plays. A second ejection will be cause for dismissal from the rest of the tournament games.
17. Batters may not advance on a dropped third strike in the 8-10. However, batters MAY advance on a dropped 3rd strike in the 11-13 leagues.
18. Coaches have the option to put all players at the game in the batting line-up or may place only the 9 or 10 starters in the batting line-up. If the coach chooses to put all players in the batting line-up, then anytime one of them can no longer continue to play, that player will be declared an out each time they would have come to bat.
19. Free substitution on defense will be allowed.
20. Games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new innings after 2 hours from the start of the game except for the championship game.