

SAN DIMAS YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Playing Rules

12U Division

Fields	Both teams will prepare the field for play prior to their game(s)
Game time	1 hour 15 minutes no new; 1 hour 25 minutes drop
Score	Three outs or 4 Run rule per inning per team - NO MERCY RULE
Substitution	Unlimited substitutions, except for pitcher. Starting pitcher may re-enter game only once. (USA Rule 4 section 5)

Conferences	
Defensive	3 defensive conferences allowed in 7 innings of play. (Extra innings, 1 conference per inning) (USA Rule Section 5A)
Offensive	One offensive inning per half inning (USA Rule 5 section 7B)

Pitching	40 ft. pitching distance. USA rules as applicable
Base distance	60 ft. base distance
Batting	Teams to bat round robin until tournament play
Hit batter	Batter advances to first, other runners advance if forced.
Courtesy runner	Pitcher and catcher only- last recorded out.
Late arrival	Place at the bottom of the line-up.
Early departure	No penalty until tournament. Coach to notify umpire and opposing coach prior to the players at bat. USA rules apply during tournament play.
Game balls	Must use the game balls provided by the league (Dream Seam 12 inch).
Base stealing	After the pitcher releases the ball
Injured player	Last recorded out determined by official scorebook
Drop third strike	In effect- USA rule applies
Infield fly	In effect- USA rule applies
Hesitation rule	Applies. See USA rulebook (Lookback Rule 8 Section 7T)
Overthrow 1st base	All runners advance two bases from time of throw. Exception on an overthrow that remains in play, runners may advance as many bases as possible.

Shorthanded rule Minimum of 8 to start the game 9th batter may enter at the bottom of the lineup. A team may start with eight (8) and finish with eight. Teams cannot play with less than eight players; shorthanded team will forfeit the game. It's an illegal game to play with seven (7) players.

Tie breaker USA International Tiebreaker during tournament play only (bracket).

Protests Not allowed. No protest procedures until tournament, UIC DECISION IS FINAL

ATTENTION Any manager/coach who is ejected from the game or restricted to the bench during regular play at any time will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.

SECOND OFFENSE MANAGER/COACH WILL REMOVED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON INCLUDING TOURNAMENT PLAY. ANY COACH WHO IS FOUND IN VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THEIR TEAM BEING ELIMINATED FROM ALL PLAY.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS