

## **PAA- 12u Invitational Softball League**

### **General Playing Rules-**

1. **ASA rules**- Playing rules will be in accordance with ASA rules: All divisions will be playing regular softball (dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, stealing home, home on pass balls, etc.).
2. **Time Limit**: All games will be 90 minutes long. Official Game: If a game cannot be completed and has less than 30 minutes left, it will be considered an official game with the previous inning score being official. **Note**: If time has expired and the visitors' team is ahead by at least 8 runs, the game is official.
3. **Run Limit/Spreads**
  1. **12U Division** - 7 runs scored in an inning will end that half inning.
4. **Participation of Players**: A team must have no less than seven players to start and/or finish a game. All players must bat. Players not in the dugout when play begins will be added to the bottom of the batting order when the player checks in with the Official Scorekeeper. A player that leaves the game for any reason may not return and no out is charged to the team when her turn-at-bat comes due.
5. **Injured Player(s)**: If an injured player is unable to continue batting and/or base running, the player will be substituted for with the last available player in the inning. The player will be skipped in the batting order without penalty of an out and may not return to game.
6. **Free Substitution**: Players may be freely substituted.
7. **Scoring**: The home team will furnish the official scorekeeper.
8. **Sportsmanship**: Managers are responsible for good sportsmanship by their players, coaches and fans. Failure to show good sportsmanship by those individuals may result in the ejection of the manager. Profanity by a Manager, Coach, Parent, or follower of the team will result in the immediate ejection of that individual from the game. The manager is responsible for all persons associated with their team. The Manager of each team will see that their dugout area is policed properly after each game.
9. **Tie Breaker**: Games can end in a tie during league play only at the end of time limit and/or seven innings
10. **Thrown Bats**: An accidentally thrown bat shall constitute a team warning. Further thrown bats shall constitute a dead ball out for that player. A flagrantly thrown bat shall constitute a dead ball and the batter is out. An intentionally thrown bat shall constitute an out and ejection.
11. **No Jewelry allowed! Includes no tape or Band-Aid cover-up!**
12. **Courtesy Runner**: The courtesy runner shall be the player who is the last at bat at the time that is neither the pitcher nor catcher of record.

**END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT RULES:**

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**Time Limits** – In pool play and elimination rounds, the time limits are 1 hour and 30 minutes. Game times for all games start at the conclusion of the ground rule conference at home plate. A new inning starts when the last out was made the previous inning. Time limit for Championship games will be 1 hour 30 minutes.

**Pool Play** –

**Elimination Games** –

**Championship Games** – The final game for each age division will have a 90 minute time limit. Seven innings will be played unless weather, time limit, or other causes necessitate a change. If the score is tied after seven innings or time has expired,