

Mansfield Girls Softball Association 2016 Playing Rules

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All play is governed by ASA Rules except as noted below. In addition, certain ASA Rules are noted for emphasis.

Special Playing Rules that apply to Senior, Major, Minor and Rookie divisions:

- All players bat – a continuous batting order will be used. If a player leaves a game for injury or any other reason (other than ejection), their spot in the order is skipped (no automatic out, except for players ejected). Players who arrive after the start of the game will be added to the end of the order. Injured players who miss a turn in the order may not reenter the game.
- Teams playing one player short, or up to two players short if 10U, will not be penalized with an automatic out.
- Minimum of eight players required to start and finish a game (forfeit if less)
- Games must start once the scheduled start time is reached and both teams have the minimum number of players
- Free substitution of players in the field
- Players must slide or avoid contact. All sliding rule decisions are at the discretion of the umpire.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher - runner shall be the last player to make an out or last batter of previous inning (and second to last batter of the previous inning if both pitcher and catcher are on base at the same time).
- Pitcher shall be removed from pitching after directly hitting 3 batters in an inning or 5 during the game (bounced pitches will not count). Any Pitcher who at the discretion of the Umpire intentionally hits a batter with a pitch shall be removed from the game.
- Home team pays the umpire
- Home teams supply two new leather, raised seam, optic yellow balls (ASA-approved max 375 lbs, .47 cor)

- All players must wear a facemask. If a player is wearing a facemask they also do not have to wear a mouth guard. This rule also applies to practices and ALL AGE GROUPS. THIS IS A MGSA MANDATORY RULE AND THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All players on the field who do not have a batting helmet on, or a catcher's mask on must wear a facemask. This rule also applies to practices.
- ALL MANAGERS, COACHES AND ADULTS ON THE FIELD MUST BE CORI APPROVED- NO EXCEPTIONS
- NO FOOD OF ANY KIND ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS DURING GAMES OR PRACTICES

SEE ATTACHED DIVISION RULES