

NWRAA Fastpitch

2018 Spring League Playing & Operating Rules

For the 12u Division

Revised 3/18/18

NWRAA will abide by the **USSSA 2015 13th Edition Fastpitch Playing Rules** as it applies to the 12U Division, with the following exceptions and modifications specified in these League Playing & Operating Rules for NWRAA:

Our 12 & UNDER league is designed for girls age 12 or younger as of January 1, 2018.

1. The time limit for a regulation game will be one (1) hour and ten (10) minutes. There are no new innings with less than 5 minutes to play. If time expires and the team batting cannot catch up or go ahead (hence the 5 runs per inning) or win, the game shall end immediately. Official game time will be kept the home plate umpire

**A maximum of five (5) runs will be allowed in any one-half inning.
Game – Run Rule: 15 runs after 3, 12 runs after 4, 10 runs after 5**

2. Every player will bat, with late players added to the end of the line-up. The umpire and scorekeeper must be informed. Each coach will list all players on the line-up card by name, number, and position in the batting order. This line-up should be shown to the umpire before turning in to the opposing coach, at least 10 minutes before game time. If line-ups are not turned in by the umpire's official game start time, time will begin but play will cease until line-ups are completed.

3. Each team will play **nine** (9) of their players defensively, every inning.

4. Free substitution will be allowed.

5. A team must have at least eight (8) players in order to avoid a forfeit. USSSA rule states that if eight (8) players are in the line-up, an automatic out must be taken each time the ninth batting position in the batting order comes up to bat. However, NWRAA adopted rule league wide not to penalize a team with only 8 players so no out will be awarded.

7. There will not be any intentional walks. If (in the umpire's judgment), it is determined that a batter receives an intentional walk, said batter will receive two (2) bases and any runs scoring as a result of a forced movement on the bases will count towards the score of that team. Pitcher and Coach will be warned to the violation and instructed that if violation occurs again in the same game, the Pitcher will be removed from mound (may play another position) for the remainder of that game. This is a judgment call and cannot be questioned or protested.

8. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher, catcher or an injured runner. The batter with the last out is eligible as a courtesy runner.

9. On a drop 3rd strike and there are less than 2 outs and 1st base is occupied the batter may not attempt to advance to first. However, if there are 2 outs and 1st base is or is not occupied, the batter may advance to first with the risk of getting out.

10. Stealing is allowed. On a pitched ball, a runner may steal once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Leading off is prohibited.
11. The look back rule is in effect. The look back rule applies to all base runners, including the batter-runner, and requires all runners to either be on base or attempting to return to base when the ball is returned to the pitcher and the pitcher is within an 8-foot radius of the pitcher's rubber. A player between bases is allowed to immediately return to the previous base without risk of being put out, or try to advance to the next base, under risk of being thrown out by the pitcher. Any player on a base after the pitcher is within the 8-foot radius who then leaves her base before the ball is pitched is out. (ASA Rule 8-T, Section 7, pgs. 93-94)
12. The official scorebook will be kept by the home team while the visiting team operates the scoreboard.
13. All players must play at least 2 complete innings, if time allows. If a player was at the entire game and does not get to bat, this player must start the next game. Protests related to violations of this rule must be made within 24 hours to the league commissioner or director.
14. Both the home and visiting team parents and coaches are responsible for preparing the field for the next game, this includes cleaning the dugouts, dragging or raking the infield and chalking the 8 ft pitchers circle.
15. Rain outs will not be rescheduled unless rain outs force us to play less than 11 games.

It is up the integrity of every coach involved in NWRAA Softball to police and uphold the above written rules. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and lead the development of every child who participates. Thanks for coaching and best wishes for a great season.

NO SMOKING AND NO PETS ALLOWED!

The most up to date information is via text. Please sign up for the mass text system for NWRAA.

Text NWRAA to 662-947-4007