

2018 HOMEWOOD SOFTBALL SENIOR LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES

** Teams will be compiled of girls ages 13-19 (birth date as of January 1st 2016). Rosters will be compiled of between 9 (minimum) and 14 (maximum) players.

** Games will consist of 7 innings. Slaughter rule will be 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.

** **FIVE RUN** maximum per inning through the first SIX innings. The 7th inning will be unlimited runs.

** Regular season games will be considered official after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is winning).

**** Play-off games will be played in their entirety and cannot be ended because of darkness or weather. Slaughter rules will be in effect for play-off games*. If weather/darkness forces game to end it will be continued another day until its completion (full 7 innings or slaughter rule).**

***Unless coaches agree prior to the start of the game**

Pitching rules

Any player may pitch a Maximum of 5 innings per game. TWO pitchers must have pitched a complete inning before the start of the 6th inning. (a pitcher, other than the starter, must record 3 outs or have allowed 5 runs prior to the start of the 6th inning)

There is no maximum number of innings in a calendar week.

Pitching distance is 43 feet at Apollo (may be adjusted for games at Izaak Walton)

The starting pitcher can re-enter the game one time as long as they have not already pitched 5 innings.

One pitch in an inning is considered an inning pitched. However a “complete inning” requires a pitcher to record three outs in that inning or allow the maximum five runs.

For play-offs, there is NO Maximum innings pitched. A player can pitch the entire game and extra innings if needed. The starter can re-enter the game one time.

There is not a HIT BATTER rule. Pitchers can hit an unlimited number of batters in an inning / game without penalty.

2018 Playing Rules

There is NO minimum amount of innings a player needs to play. It is suggested that all players play at least 3 innings during a 7 inning game but it is not required.

Players DO NOT have to play the infield during a game. A player can play the same position throughout the game (infield/outfield) and is not required to rotate.

NO CALL-UP MAY BE UTILIZED IF A TEAM HAS 10 ROSTERED PLAYERS AVAILABLE AND IN UNIFORM AT GAME TIME.

(if a call-up arrives for one team and that team is full, if needed for another team they can be asked to play. If a call-up arrives for a team and the rostered player they were replacing also arrives – play the call-up as well).

*****Infield fly rule is in effect—This is umpire judgement and Cannot be argued!!!!**

***** Dropped Third Strike rule will be in effect**

***** Stealing in effect (girls can steal on release)**