



2010 Fallball Classic Fastpitch Softball Rules

- * ASA Rules apply for all facets of our games except where designated in this document.

Time Limit: All regular season games will be played under a time limit. The time limit is one hour and thirty minutes however, no new inning may be started after one hour and twenty minutes of play. Any inning started before the one hour and twenty minute deadline may be finished and may exceed the one hour and thirty minute deadline. If the game ends in a tie, it is a tie. Ties are allowed and will be considered for seeding for the year end tournament.

For the purposes of definition, the new inning starts **immediately** on the call of the last out in the previous inning.

For the purposes of definition, the game clock starts when the Umpire calls for the first pitch.

- * **Run Limit:** 5 Runs per inning per team. The Last Inning is designated by the umpire as time allows and need not be the seventh inning. As a guideline, the Last Inning will be designated as the next inning after one hour and five minutes of play. Once again, no new inning may start after one hour and twenty minutes.

- * **Mercy Rule:** 12 runs after 4.5 innings if the home team leads and 5 innings if the visiting team leads.

- * **Official Game:** An official game will consist of 7 innings, a game

called by time limit or called by mercy rule. Rain-outs will be considered complete at the end of four and one-half innings if the home team leads and five innings if the visiting team leads. Game times for games resumed from a postponement by rain-out will be resumed from the postponed point and are cumulative. Coaches are responsible for making up rained out or otherwise postponed games. Fields will be available, please call the Fall Committee to arrange field times and umpires.

* Practice Infield and Outfield practice will be permitted but the umpire may suspend the privilege if teams delay the progress of the game.

* Pitching Warm-ups: Five Pitches to starting pitcher.
Three pitches in subsequent innings.
New pitchers get five pitches and three as with the starter. Pitchers relieved may return (in accordance with ASA Rules) but if a pitcher returns in a later inning, the pitcher gets three warm-ups. If the pitcher returns in the same inning, no warm-ups are permitted.

* Protests: There are no official protests. The umpire decisions are law. If there are questions and a resolution cannot be reached with the umpire and coaches, call one of the available committee members. Be courteous and respectful. They are playing games as well and may be involved even though your major issue needs addressed. The committee will do its best to expeditiously resolve all issues.

***** Decisions by the committee are final.

Game Rules:

* Players: Roster may consist of any number of players. Nine (9) Players play in the field. A team must start with at least 9 players but may finish with 8. 12U and 10U players may start with nine and finish with 8 but typically will play 10 in the field. There must be four outfielders for 10U and 12U, that is, the extra player may NOT be used in the infield.

Substitutes must report to the opposing team they start play and follow the rules for substitutes according to A.S.A rules

- * Batting Order: Continuous Batting Order. If a team has more than twelve players on a roster, they are not required to bat more than twelve in a continuous order, the player must play according to the rules stipulated in the Playability section.
- * Drop Third Strike: Yes
- * Infield-Fly-Rule: Yes
- * Continuous Walk: Yes
- * Game Ball: 12" – 14U and 12U, 11" - 10U
- Sliding: Sliding is not mandatory BUT: Collisions must be avoided. If a player is deemed to have purposefully collided with a fielder, the player will be out and ejected from the game. The umpire, at his/her discretion, reserves the right to call other runners out if, in his/her opinion, they benefitted from the purposeful collision.
- * Lead-Offs, Stealing: Yes, According to A.S.A rules.
- * Pitching Rubber: 40 feet
- * Bases Distance: 60 feet
- * Playability: All players must play 6 defensive outs. Free substitutions. Pitching substitutions must follow normal A.S.A rules.
- Trips Offensive and Defensive Conferences are governed by ASA rules.
- * Courtesy Runner Courtesy runners may be used in accordance with A.S.A Rules.

A courtesy runner will be permitted at any time for the pitcher and catcher. Use the last out made.

- * Injury Runner See Courtesy Runner.
- * Injured Player Except for the case of an injured runner, injured in the course of play, injured players will follow A.S.A rules.
- * Conduct The fall league is offered in the spirit of fun and to provide some experience for all players. Players of all levels are encouraged to participate. It can be used to pulse the progress of teams and players. To protect our children the following will be employed:
 1. Smoking is not permitted in the field area. Offenders will be asked to stop their smoking. If the problem continues, offender will asked to leave and may not return to the field area.
 2. Drinking is prohibited. If a person is deemed to be intoxicated, or is seen drinking, they will be asked to immediately vacate the premises and prohibited from returning.
 3. Loud and obnoxious or abusive behavior will not be permitted. Spectators will receive one warning and then will be ejected from the premises for the day. Please watch the language!
- * Ejections: Players or coaches ejected for flagrant violations such that cause injury or for fighting will not be permitted to return to the field of play for the day.

Players or coaches ejected for misconduct may return in the next game date for their team. A second violation suspends the offender for two weeks. Subsequently, the player or coach will not be permitted near the field for any of the team's remaining games.

All decisions by the league committee are final. If the event is rained out during the course of play, the coaches and committee will make every attempt to reschedule the

games. If it is not possible to do so, the committee may decide to cancel the game. In the case of cancellation, year end tournament seeding will be adjusted.

Please direct all questions to the league committee.