

## **Senior Girls Softball Rules – 2011**

Players wanting to play Seniors must be going into the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grades at school the coming school year. Younger girls may be used if needed to make a team. Junior players may play Seniors, if needed, but Senior players cannot play Juniors.

Every coach needs an ASA rule book. ASA rules will apply with the following exceptions.

All players must be in the line-up for 3 defensive outs or one at bat. Otherwise, the team must forfeit the game. A player that starts the game can play and re-enter the game once. When a player re-enters, she must go back into the same batting order that she had previously occupied. In case of injury or illness, this rule does not apply and substitutes may be made. A team must have 7 players to play a game.

Games will start at 8:30 pm and will be 7 innings. An inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs whichever comes first. During the season, games will be 7 innings or 1 1/2 hours. Do not stop in the middle of an inning or start an inning if you have less than 5 minutes left at the time of the last out. If any team is so far ahead that the other team cannot win the game, the game is over. This would occur if one team has 13 runs over the other team after 5 innings.

2 umpires, high school age or older, are required and will be furnished by the home team.

Each team may have a 5 minute infield warm-up with the umpire in charge of timing.

Runners must make a definite attempt towards 2nd base in order to be tagged out at 1st base.

Pitcher will be allowed 3 warm up pitches between innings and a 5 minute warm up before the game.

A safety base will be used at every league game and will be used when there is a close play at 1st base.

Each team will submit a roster at least 2 weeks prior to their first scheduled game.

To appeal a call the coach calls a time out once the pitcher has the ball. The coach informs the umpire the base he/she wants to appeal.

Following ASA rules, anytime there is a force out on any base for the 3rd out, the run does not count, even if the player crosses the plate before the out occurs.

**The type of batting helmet (with a face protector or without a face protector) will be the batter's choice.**

Tournament rotation if you choose not to have tournament you may pass and the next team will have the option. You must wait until your year comes around again to have the option.

Palmer 2011

Washington 2012

Hanover 2013

Clifton/Clyde 2014

Valley Heights 2015

North Central 2016

Linn 2017

(Revised 2011)