GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL – SUMMER FASTPITCH LEAGUE

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LEAGUE RULES

2017 Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.) Guide will govern play, with the following added or emphasized:

1. The first team listed on the league schedule is the home team and provides a new game ball and a back-up ball. Game balls will be provided to teams at the start of the season. The home team will keep the official scorebook.
2. **Rosters** – New players can be added to another roster up to July 5th.
3. **Pick-up Players** – Teams are permitted to add or substitute a maximum of two players as follows:
    a. **Pick-up players must already be on a League roster by the July 5th deadline.** No exceptions for this rule will be made.
    b. **A PICK-UP PLAYER CAN NOT PITCH!!**
    c. Pick-up players must bat at the bottom of the batting order.
    d. The opposing teams must be made aware of and agree on pick-up players prior to the start of a game. Consent must be proven by notifying the Skagit County Parks & Recreation site supervisor.
    e. Use of pick-up players without an opponent's consent is illegal, and grounds for forfeit.
4. The minimum number of players needed to start and finish a game is eight (8).
5. Three (3) forfeits in a season will automatically disqualify a team from further league participation without a refund.
6. **TIME LIMIT:** A one (1) hour and twenty (20) minute time limit shall be used. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. A new inning begins when the final out of the preceding inning is made. **EXCEPTION:** if the game is tied, the **International Tiebreaker** will be used at the completion of the time limit or seven (7) innings of play, whichever occurs first until the game is completed.
7. **PITCHING:** A.S.A. or Federation High School Rules can be used. (i.e. A.S.A. requires a foot to remain in contact with the pitching rubber, whereas Federation Rules permit a pitcher to step backwards from the pitching rubber upon releasing a pitched ball).
8. Teams may start a game with eight players. Teams must be prepared to play at their scheduled game time. Teams will be granted a 10 minute grace period for 5:30 PM and/or 6:00 PM games ONLY. Please note that any grace period will be subtracted from a game's Time Limit.
9. **RUN AHEAD RULE:** A fifteen (15) run ahead rule will be in effect after the completion of three (3) innings of play and an eight (8) run ahead rule will be in effect after the completion of five (5) innings of play.
10. Teams are allowed to bat their entire roster. If a player leaves the facility, is injured and unable to play, or ejected from a game, that spot in the batting order will be allowed to be squeezed or removed from the batting order without penalty.
11. Only A.S.A. approved bats may be used.
12. **BATTING HELMETS:** Must be equipped with a CHIN STRAP and as of 2005 all helmets must have an NOCSAE approved FACE MASK/GUARD.
13. **Rain Out Infoline – Call 360-416-1361 x2** to access updated Rain Out information.

Please make sure NOT to warm-up in any areas adjacent to spectator areas. Please help promote GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP throughout the Girls High School Fastpitch League season.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!!!