

**Berks County Girls Softball League**  
**12UB Division Rules**  
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**Home team coach-** please offer a copy of these rules to the plate umpire before the game begins.

**Age:** Teams shall consist of girls as defined by the 12 & under ASA classification: A player who is 12 years of age or under on January 1 of the current year.

All infielders will be required to wear facemasks. All helmets are required to have chin straps.

The 12" Dudley yellow raised seam day/night softball is the **official game ball**.

1. **Default Rules-** the ASA official rules of girls fast pitch softball shall apply to the general features of the game, except where amended by these rules.
2. **Mercy rule** (15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5) will be in effect.
3. **Bases** are set at 60' and the **pitcher's plate** is at 40'.
4. A 6 run limit per inning is in effect.
5. Base stealing is permit on the release of the ball.
6. All games are **7 innings or 2 hours long**. The inning started prior to the **2-hour time limit** must be played out unless the umpire calls the game or the run ahead rule applies. Score will revert back to the last full inning (official game applies). Four full innings constitute an official game, should the game be called by the umpire.  
  
Clarification: A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if 4 or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in 3 or more innings than the other team has scored in 4 or more innings. Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.
7. A 15-minute **grace period** will be given to each team with 8 players, in order to start the game. If the game starts 15 minutes late, it should end 15 minutes late.
8. The defensive team may play 9 or 10 players, but the 10<sup>th</sup> player must be in the outfield. All outfielders must be positioned on the same arc. No short fielder position. If players arrive late, they must fill the void position for that inning.
9. All players must participate in at least **2 complete innings** per game on defense.

10. A pitcher may pitch only **4 innings** per game. One pitch constitutes an inning for a pitcher.
11. If a **pitcher hits 4 batters** within a game, she must be removed from the pitcher's position, *as long as, in the umpire's opinion, the batter has made every effort to avoid the ball.*
12. All players must be listed in the **batting order** on the score sheet and must bat in this order throughout the game. If a player arrives late, she must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. If a player must leave (or arrives late to) a game for any reason, there will be no penalty against her team. Any changes must be reported by both coaches.  
  
Clarification: If a player **leaves a game** before its completion (injury or illness), her spot in the batting order will be eliminated only if she cannot return by the time of her next at bat and this will not constitute an "out" violation. The player may continue in the game if her batting order spot is not eliminated.
13. All player, coaches, and spectators must show respect and sportsmanship at all times.
14. The home team is responsible for canceling games and contacting the umpire assignor at least 1 hour before game time.
15. If a game turns into a forfeit, the Home team will pay the umpire a ½ fee. The Umpire receives his other ½ fee from the BCASA Umpire association. The game must be reported back to the league commissioner.
16. Umpires are instructed to be paid at the beginning of the game. A coach should request the Umpire to sign his scorebook at the beginning of the game.
17. The **WINNING** team is responsible for reporting game statistics to their league commissioner, within 48 hours of the completed game. If not reported within 48 hours, both receive a loss.