USA SOFTBALL OF ALABAMA - ALL STAR RULES

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13 and under:

a) The game shall be seven (7) innings or 70-minute time limit, when the time limit is up, the teams must finish the inning unless the home team is ahead when the top half of the inning is over. Time limits may be decreased with adverse weather or in other situations.

b) Pitching distance will be from 40 ft.

c) A 12" optic yellow leather softball (375# Compression, .47 core) will be used.

d) The batting order shall be a revolving batting order consisting of nine – (9), ten - (10) with 1 EP, eleven - (11) batters with 2 Eps, or you may bat your entire roster. No matter the number of batters, you must maintain the integrity of the batting line up. When batting the entire roster, you have free defensive substitution.

e) If a team does not have 9 players present, the 9th batting position will be an out every time the 9th batting position should come up to bat. If the 8th batter is the 3rd out of the inning, the next inning will start with one out. You cannot play with less than 8 players.

f) The defensive team shall have no more than 6 infielders, and three (3) outfielders. Only 9 players will play on defense at one time.

g) Bases will be 60’ length in distance.

h) A catcher will be in full catcher’s gear. The catcher shall wear a NOCSAE approved head protector (with dual earflaps), an approved mask with throat protector, a body chest protector and shinguards. If a hockey style NOCSAE approved catchers’ helmet is used, a separate throat protector is not needed.

i) Mercy Rule - 12 after 3rd inning, 10 after 4th inning, 8 after 5th inning

j) If a player leaves the base before the pitcher releases the ball, she will be called out.