

Manchester Athletic Association Home Game Rules

**GIRLS 10U**

Updated 4/20/11

**GAME LENGTH:** 90 minutes max. No new inning will start after 75 minutes. Full completion of the last inning should occur, meaning the home team should get its last at-bat.

**10-RUN RULE:** If a team has a 15 run lead after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or a 10 run lead after 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**BALL:** 11" Yellow softball, pitching mound at 35'

**BASES:** 60 foot regular bases. Place covers in the holes when finished.

**BATTERS:** Bat normal 10 player lineup each inning or until fielding team makes 3 outs. You should roster bat so each girl gets to hit. Helmets with face mask to be worn by base runners, batter, and player in the on-deck circle. Dropped ball on called 3<sup>rd</sup> strike: batters may **not** advance to first on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike pitch by the catcher. 10<sup>th</sup> batter has to strike out or hit, no walks. If batter gets hit, choice to take the base or hit is up to coach.

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment must be in the dugout at all times. Play will not start or continue if equipment is not stored in dugout. Catcher must wear pads and helmet. Approved softball bats only. No metal cleats, only plastic.

**FIELDERS:** A minimum of 8 players required to start a game. 10 fielders are standard. Every player should play at least 2 innings in a full length game. If 10-run-rule or time limit invoked, it is understandable this may not occur. We are promoting a positive atmosphere in teaching the game. Kids need to play to learn the game.

**STEALING:** Ball must cross the plate before runners can leave the base to steal. No lead offs. You can only steal one base at a time. Runner must return to base before pitcher places foot on pitching rubber. You may NOT steal home.

**SLIDING:** All runners required to slide at home. If a runner does not slide, that runner may be called out, only if there is a legitimate play at home plate, specifically if there is a tag or force play between the fielder and the runner.

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**BALL:** 12" Yellow softball, pitching mound at 40'

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