

Manchester Athletic Association Home Game Rules

GIRLS 15U (Ages 13-15)

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GAME LENGTH: 90 minutes max. Normal game will be 6 innings. 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 4th inning or a 10 run lead after 5th inning.

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

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

PITCHING: Intentional walks must be pitched, not automatically awarded.

BATTERS: Bat normal 10 player lineup each inning or until fielding team makes 3 outs. You can bat a DH. Helmets with face mask to be worn by base runners, batter, and player in the on-deck circle. Dropped ball on called 3rd strike: batters may advance to first on a dropped 3rd strike pitch by the catcher IF first base is not occupied and there are less than 2 outs.

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. 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: Runners can leave the base to steal. No lead offs. Runner must return to base before pitcher places foot on pitching rubber. You may steal home. Batters should be instructed to leave the batters box to avoid interference at home plate.

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.

INFIELD FLY RULE: If runners on first and second base and there is less than 2 outs and ball is popped up in the infield the batter is out.