

## **SOFTBALL**

### Season:

Spring

### Schedule:

As per Division Chairperson

### Rules

1. ASA- The Amateur Softball Association of America  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111  
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2. Substitutions – Any player may be withdrawn and reenter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever she is in the lineup.

**Note:** ASA rule 4, section 3- Designated Player (FPOOnly) a-d. The designated player now may enter into the game as a defensive player, if the coach desires to do so because of injury or to use her for defensive purposes. She will still be locked into her original position in the batting order. still bat in her original line-up position so as not to add confusion to the defensive substitution. The DP can only be used if the umpire is notified prior to the start of the game, and will be used until all options have been exhausted.

3. 10 – Run Rule : Both Varsity and JV: It will be decided by both coaches during the ground rules and exchange of the line-up cards whether or not the 10 run rule will be in effect for the game. Exception of the rule – If during the game it is decided that the game has gotten out of control, the coaches, as long as both agree, can terminate the game (once 5 full innings of play has been completed, or the losing team has batted in its half of the inning) and it will be counted as a complete game.
4. Backstops – All of the schools have backstops on their fields. If for some unforeseen reason a field has to be set up without a backstop, a temporary or portable one will be set up to play the game. If none is available, a rule regarding no backstop will be agreed upon by both coaches and the umpire prior to the start of the contest.

### Playoffs:

[Western New York Playoffs – New York State and Section VI rules apply](#)

### Publicity:

During the season, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the local papers, radio and television stations the outcomes of all contests completed. It is also the responsibility of all the coaches to report weekly to their league representatives the outcomes of all their league games, so as to keep all league standings up-to-date.

**Rain Dates: Revised January 8, 1990: If a scheduled, or rescheduled, league contest is postponed, due to a school's internal activity program conflict, that contest will be recorded**

**as a forfeit until such time as that contest is rescheduled on to the earliest available playing date which does not have other co-curricular conflicts, e.g. prom, senior trip, NYSSMA.**

**Rescheduled league dates must be adhered to firmly; except that a rainout reschedule must take precedence over a "co-curricular conflict initiated" rescheduled contest. It should be noted that Saturdays should be considered as viable playing days and that a school's refusal to utilize needed Saturday make up dates may result in a subsequent forfeit.**

**The Executive Committee strongly recommends that each school district adopt an internal policy protecting students from penalty when faced with irresolvable activity conflicts.**

**If a game is suspended before completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the game will be re-scheduled for the next available date and will pick up exactly where it was at the time of suspension. (ie. Same batter, same count, same players, etc. with the possible exception of a change in pitchers.)**

**If a game is suspended after the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the game may be deemed a completed game.**

**One school cannot force another school to play a rescheduled game during a scheduled vacation.**