

2018 GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

NOTE: The assignment of umpires to all Association games shall be done by a person designated by the Board.

The following game regulations shall be official for all divisions:

- A. The games shall be played according to the rules of the USA Softball rule book and the rules of the Columbia Basin Girls Softball Association (CBGSA). USA rules shall apply to all divisions except as indicated in the following subsection.
- B. The home team as designated on the official schedule will occupy the third base dugout.
- C. Home team is responsible for the official scorekeeper. Scorekeeper should compare score books at the end of each inning.
- D. No one, other than players, coaches, parent volunteers and umpires, shall be allowed on the playing field during pre-game practice. During games, only players, umpires, and coaches are allowed on the field. Unless otherwise noted below in special rules.
- E. Base coaches must be uniformed players, registered coaches or parent volunteers.
- F. Game starting time will normally be scheduled time with a fifteen (15) minute grace period.
- G. Time shall begin and end with the umpire's time. An inning in progress shall be completed.
- H. All divisions shall be allowed open substitution during League play.
- I. Team members, shall bat in a pre-established order with everyone in the batting order. Players who show up after a game has started shall be added to the end of the batting order. Injuries or illness constitute justification for dropping a player from the batting rotation pending her ability to continue to play.
- J. Each player shall play a minimum of two innings per game unless she has been injured or is ill. If a coach ignores this rule, it shall result in forfeiture of that game. A coach may "bench" a player for disciplinary reasons during a game (the coach must notify the other teams manager/coach when a player is being benched.)
- K. Players, except Beginner and 8U, may slide.
- L. Chatter is allowed on the field so long as it is positive and supportive of your team and not derogatory in nature (including cheers or chatter towards an opposing pitcher). A catcher is not allowed to chatter once the ball has left the pitchers hand until it passed the batter.
- M. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and profanity are strictly prohibited on the playing field at all times. Violation will lead to ejection from the game and possibly additional sanctions from the league.
- N. A forfeited game will result in a score of 7-0 to be entered in Bonzi.
- O. team has The winning team is responsible for recording the final score in Bonzi within forty-eight (48) hours. If the winning difficulty with Bonzi contact the Data Coordinator.
- P. All protective equipment provided; face masks for pitchers, catchers equipment and helmet must be worn for safety reasons.