

## **BYAA 9 & Under Softball Rules 2018**

1. All players participate in defense, six infielders and the rest in the outfield. Outfielders must play in the grass.
  2. All player must play all positions on the field (except for catcher) rotating at least every two inning unless a player refuses to play a position.
  3. All players will be in the batting line up, and you must rotate the batting line up, per game.
  4. The speed of the pitching machine will be set at 40 MPH.
  5. Time limit 1 hour 15 minutes. Do **not** begin a new inning with 5 minutes remaining in the game. The Home team must bat last even if winning (do not count runs), unless time has expired.
  6. Six (6) run limit per inning or three (3) outs and no batter limit (you may bat around).
  7. The Coach of the team batting, he/she will call a no pitch if the pitch is considered out of the strike zone and NOT swung at. No walks. Players CAN strike out with three strikes unless no pitch is called.
- 8. Batters must wear a helmet equipped with a facemask. Pitchers must wear a helmet.**
9. Pitchers must stay beside the pitching line until the ball is pitched.
  10. If a batted ball or thrown ball hits the pitching machine it becomes a **dead ball** and the batter is awarded first base and/or base runners advance one (1) base.
  11. Runner must be past the half way mark before the ball is thrown/reaches the infield (dirt area) otherwise runner will have to return to the base.
  12. The player must make an attempt to hit the ball by swinging. No bunting.
  13. Base runners can't leave the base until the ball is hit. **No stealing.**
  14. The pitching machine may be adjusted to throw strikes at any time but not speed.
  15. Any player injured will not cause an automatic out. Skip that batter and continue with the line up.
  16. When playing **defense** you may only have two Coaches/Parents in outfield only.
  17. When playing **offense** you may have three Coaches/Parents on the field, 1st base, 3rd base and at pitching machine.

**The umpire's decision is final.**

There will be no protests and all coaches will be responsible for educating his/her team and their parents about the "CODE OF CONDUCT"

**Teams are responsible for cleaning out their dugout AND bleachers after each game!**