

Soderville Athletic Association

2009 Rules for 12U Fastpitch

(adopted as revised on April 19, 2009)

American Fastpitch Association (AFA) rules apply except as follows:

Each team shall keep score in the SAA supplied score book. Please exchange line-ups prior to the 6:30 start time. Each scorer shall keep score for both teams and are encouraged to check with each other throughout the game to confirm the score and minimize any scoring disputes. The umpire does not keep any score and will not resolve any disputes involving game scores.

Ball roll - closest to pitcher's plate as rolled from home plate will select either Home or Visitor. Home team supplies the game ball.

A pitcher may pitch five innings in one night. If either game goes into extra innings, that pitcher may pitch those extra innings. If both coaches mutually agree, a pitcher may pitch more than five innings in one night.

A pitcher must be removed from the pitching position once the pitcher has hit 3 batters. The pitcher may re-enter the pitching position only after the pitcher has sat-out the pitcher for a complete inning. If the pitcher hits 2 additional batters, the pitcher shall be removed from the position for the remainder of the game.

Pitchers must complete one full arm rotation when delivering the pitch. **(new for 2009)**

Five runs per inning rule. A team may score a maximum of five runs per inning. This also includes the last inning.

Teams are required to bat the full roster with unlimited substitutions.

Starting time for weeknight league games is 6:30 PM. If games end in a tie, international rules will be used for one more inning. If after that inning, the score is still tied, the game will be complete and finish in a tie. No inning will begin after 8:15 during the regular season (Umpire holds official time).

Once a game is in progress, the umpire on the field is solely responsible for game delays, continuation, or termination due to weather, lightning, field conditions, etc. In the event a game is terminated, the score reverts back to the previous completed inning unless the Home team is in the lead and the game is in the bottom of the inning. A terminated game is considered complete if at least 35 minutes of the game had been played. Games not meeting this requirement should not be recorded.

Courtesy runners can be used for pitchers and catchers. The courtesy runner is the last out.

No player can sit twice until all players have sat once.

Coaches cancel games because of weather before the 6:30 start time by speaking with each other and then notifying the team players and umpires as needed. If in doubt go to the field.

Both teams are required to report the score to the league coordinator same day or next day by email. Any scores not reported within 24 hours will be recorded as a 1-1 tie.