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The Southeastern Softball League will play 12 & under girl’s softball according to the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rules & regulations except as noted below:

	<i>8 & under</i>	<i>10 & under</i>	<i>12 & under</i>	<i>14 & under</i>
<i>Eligibility</i>	Cannot turn 9 before January 1 of this year	Cannot turn 11 before January 1 of this year	Cannot turn 13 before January 1 of this year	Cannot turn 15 before January 1 of this year
<i>Pitching Rubber</i>	35 ft.	35 ft.	40 ft.	40 ft.
<i>Bases</i>	60’ with ½ way lines, 10’ arc from back of home plate	60’ with ½ way lines	60’	60’
<i>Game Time</i>	1 hour, 4 innings	1 hour 15 minutes, 5 innings	1 hour 30 minutes, 5 innings	1 hour 30 minutes, 7 innings
<i>Game ball</i>	11” Yellow or White	11” Yellow or White	12” Yellow or White	12” Yellow or White
<i>Players on Field</i>	10 or equal number as opposing team	9	9	9
<i>Run Rule</i>	5 runs/inning	5 runs/inning	5 runs/inning	No Run Rule

- Regular season games will be 5 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes in length, finishing the inning. The full 5 innings will be played unless by the start of the 4th inning one team is ahead by 11 runs, or by the start of the 5th inning one team is ahead by 6 runs and time is a factor. No inning will be started after the time allowed unless there is no game following. Please abide by this in respect of the games that follow.
- Tie games will be recorded as such unless there is no game following, regular season awards will then be decided during tournament play if needed. ASA tiebreaker is in effect in any extra innings (last batter of previous inning is placed on second to begin each half of extra innings)
- An 8ft. radius (16ft diameter) circle must be in chalk around the 40 ft. pitching rubber. For safety, please use double bags on first base.
- A continuous batting order will be used during both regular season and tournament play. All players on a team will be listed and bat in one continuous order. The exception to this shall be that if one team has more players than the opposing team, the team with more players may elect to bat continuously only the same number of batters as the opposing team, but not less than 10 if using rule 3, in which case the additional players shall be listed and batted as substitutes. The team with more players has the option to bat the same number of players as the opposing team or bat continuous, but must elect to do one or the other prior to game start and may not change during the course of the game. No outs will be taken for players leaving the batting order for illness or injury, simply skip that batter and continue the lineup. Players leaving the batting order for injury or illness may not re-enter, and this only applies to players leaving the batting order. A player may leave the field, bat in their order, and re-enter the field later, or a coach may take the out for an injured or sick player leaving the batting order and then that player is still considered in the batting order and may bat the next time around. Players arriving late shall be entered as substitutes.
- Free substitution is allowed. Players must reenter in the same batting order.
- Teams are allowed to start with 8 players, if you start with 8 players you may borrow one from the other team to make 9 players and that player will play an optional position by the receiving coach. There will be no automatic out for the 9th & 10th batters.
- Outfielders must play behind the baseline until the ball is hit. Effect – runners and batters are entitled to one base without liability to be put out.
- No infield practice before a game. This means no practice on any part of the infield (stay on the grass).
- The catcher must wear a helmet with facemask & throat protector, shin guards, chest protector.
- Player must pitch from a 40ft rubber and start with both feet on the rubber.
- The batter is out if the bat is thrown. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
- If a play is made at home plate the runner must slide or the runner is out. A play is considered a ball in the infield directed at home plate. (Umpire judgment)
- No infield fly rule.

ASA RULE CLARIFICATIONS

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1. The batter becomes a batter/runner when a pitched ball not swung at or called a strike touches any part of the batter's person including the hands or clothing. If no attempt is made to avoid being hit, the batter will not be awarded first base unless it is ball four." (Rule 8, Section 1, F, pg. 82)
2. Batters, batters on deck, and base runners must wear helmets. Face shields on helmets for batters, batters on deck, and runners are **mandatory**. *NOCSAE stamp is not required on facemasks.*

SCHEDULING

Depending on number of teams, games will be scheduled in triangular format or double headers. 10 & under will play on Friday nights at 6:00, 7:15, & 8:30. 12 & under will play on Wednesday nights at 5:30, 7:00, & 8:30. Any double headers will be played at 6:00 & 7:30. Please note that age groups will normally play on these nights, but due to extenuating circumstances games may be scheduled on another night.

Home team must notify opposing team 2 hours prior to game time in the event of a cancellation. Notification includes receiving an acknowledgement from opposing coach that they received the message. If you don't get an immediate response from an e-mail, you must call the coach. Home team must make 2 attempts to reschedule the game. If 2 attempts are not made, the home team will forfeit. If the visiting team cannot reschedule, they will forfeit.

Phone in or e-mail regular season record to league president throughout the season or immediately after last regular season game.

UMPIRES

The host team will furnish two umpires for each game. Each team will pay for ½ of their umpire during the games they play. Maximum umpire payment is \$30/game/team. Example – One umpire costs \$30. You need 2 for a game so total cost of that game is \$60. You will pay ½ of the total so \$30. If you play 2 games that night, expect to pay up to \$60. Note – the cost of umpires is not set by the league. Umpires may cost less than \$30. If the host team furnishes umpires that cost more than \$30, the host team will pay the difference.

The home plate umpire must be 18 years old or older. **MAKE CERTAIN UMPIRES ARE FURNISHED, AND HAVE READ, A COPY OF THE LEAGUE RULES, AND ARE READY TO GO PRIOR TO GAME START TIMES!** Effect – game is forfeited by home team unless opposing coach agrees to play with umpire provided.

TOURNAMENTS

10 & Under – June 16 & 18 in Syracuse.

12 & Under – June 17 & 19 in Syracuse.

Host town secures the umpires. There shall be at least one sanctioned umpire on the field during each tournament game. \$50.00 per team is paid by the League to the tournament host town for umpires during tournament play.

To be eligible for tournament play, either the player must play in at least 50% of league games on the team they are playing on at tournament or at least 50% of league games in the lower age group to be able to play up an age group at tournaments. Players cannot be moved laterally for tournaments.

During Tournament a team may field 8 players.

A roster of team players along with Birth Certificates is to be submitted to the tournament director or member of the umpire crew ½ hour before game if requested. The request must be made two weeks prior to tournament start, and made to all teams. No one team may be singled out. The director must make the rosters and Birth Certificates available for inspection by any coach.

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Any coaches or players ejected from a tournament game must sit out the remainder of that game and their next game played.

Tournament games will be 5 innings in length or 1 hour 30 minutes in length, finishing the inning. Extra innings will be played in the case of a tie at the end of the 5th and following innings. The full 5 innings will be played unless by the start of the 4th inning one team is ahead by 11 runs, or by the start of the 5th inning a team is ahead by 6 runs. ASA tiebreaker is in effect in any extra innings (last batter of previous inning is placed on second to begin each half of extra innings). Home team is top of the bracket. Home book is official book. Brackets will be seeded according to regular season record by percentage of game won, then head to head, then flip of a coin. No tournament game may start after 9:30 p.m. unless both coaches agree otherwise.

NO ENTRY FEE MAY BE CHARGED TO ANY GAME OR TOURNAMENT!

LEAGUE DUES

8 & Under - \$20.00

10 & Under - \$140.00

12 & Under - \$140.00

Made payable to Southeast Nebraska Girls Softball. Dues and registration must be mailed by March 25 to facilitate scheduling. Dues pay - \$20.00 per 10 & 12 team to the League to the League President, \$22 per team for ASA registration, tournament umpires, and medals for 10's & 12's.