

## **Appendix N**

### **Modified/Supplemental Playing Rule 12U**

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#### General Rules:

1. All players are required to have and use a batting helmet with a face cage, and shoes with plastic cleats (no metal cleats permitted). Infielders are required to wear facemasks, optional for outfielders; Recommended, but not required equipment includes: slider shorts, wraps and protective shin/knee pads (aka sliders).
2. Official game ball is a new 12 inch USA Softball approved softball in optic yellow. If necessary, an alternate ball of the same size may be used if deemed equivalent by the Division Commissioner, UIC, or game umpire.
3. A practice shall consist of 5 or more players. Each girl may practice **eight hours per week** prior to opening day. Each girl may practice a maximum of six hours per week including games, after opening day. (Each game will be considered 1 1/2 hours.) Non-compliance with this rule shall be reported to the Division Commissioner.
4. Any player catching for a pitcher at any time must wear full catcher's gear.
5. Players are not permitted to wear jewelry (including watches and earrings) except Medic Alert bracelets.
6. All players will keep their shirts tucked in.
7. All players must wear socks that cover the ankle. "Peds" are not permitted.
8. Profanity, intoxicants of any kind, and tobacco use of any kind are not permitted.
9. Throwing of equipment is not permitted.
10. Base Coaches on offense will remain in the Coaching box at all times, unless there is a time-out.
11. Parents, Fans and Team Staff will refrain from any type of sarcasm, verbal abuse, physical abuse, intimidation, or other unsportsmanlike acts directed towards players, other parents, fans, Team Staff, umpires or MGS Board Volunteers.
12. It is the responsibility of the Manager to adhere to and enforce all General Rules. Failure to comply will result in one or more of the following: a) team warning; b) player is ejected; c) disqualification of Manager and/or conflicting player(s) for said game; d) forfeiture of said game; e) next game suspension of Manager and/or conflicting player(s). All actions under Rule 12 must be reported to the Division Commissioner, who will report it to the MGS Executive Board.

#### Game Play Rules

13. The infield fly rule is in effect.

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14. The dropped third strike rule is in effect. A batter runner may advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
15. Stealing of all bases is allowed, and home plate is hot. Continuation on a walk is allowed at the runner's own risk.
16. All weekday games, excluding Saturday, will be 1 hour and 20 minutes "drop dead". The game will be stopped, regardless of inning. The score at the "drop dead" time will revert back to the last completed inning, unless the home team is ahead. On Saturday's, a game will be 1 hr. & 30 minutes, with no new inning beginning after this time. Any inning started prior to the 1 hr. & 30 minute game time shall be completed. A game shall be deemed complete at the end of the described time limit or upon completion of 7 innings or, in the event the home team is leading, at the end of 6 ½ innings. In the event it becomes necessary to discontinue a game, it shall be official at the end of 4 innings or, in the event the home team is leading, at the end of 3 ½ innings. Those games shall be official when the game is called for sunset or when the umpire deems it unsafe to continue.
17. A team shall bat all players in a fixed rotation, regardless of whether or not they are playing defensively at that time. A player who arrives after the start of the game shall be added to the batting lineup at the end of the batting order. A player who leaves the game early will be skipped, and will not be recorded as an out.
18. Teams will play with 9 defensive players. Outfielders must be on outfield grass or approximately 15 feet behind the base line, until the ball is pitched. A team must have a minimum of 7 defensive players to start a game. When playing "shorthanded" with 7 players, an out will not be charged when the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> batting position is scheduled to come to the plate.
19. A girl cannot sit out two consecutive innings.
20. A team is restricted to a maximum of 5 runs per inning for the first 4 innings, inning 5 and 6 are unlimited runs.
21. We will follow USA Softball pitching rules for the 12U division. There is no limit on the amount of innings one pitcher can pitch per game.
22. The home team scorekeeper is the official scorekeeper, and must maintain the Official Scorebook.
23. Any interleague play will follow USA Official Rules.

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24. In the event of a tie in standings at the end of the season, the tie breaker analysis is as followed:

- Winning Percentage
- Head to Head
- Total Run Differential
- Total Runs Against
- Total Runs For
- Coin Toss