

## 2023 SCBA Softball General Rules

A. Purpose of the SCBA: We are here to give the kids in the community a safe and fun environment to learn the games of softball and baseball. Remember, we are a recreational league and it shall be treated as such. Coaches and parents set the example for the children and what they see adults do, they will follow. You have one of the greatest powers of all as a parent or coach.

B. General Rule Disclaimer: The ASA Softball rules will govern all play except as noted in 'Division Specific Playing Rules'.

C. Division Brackets: All softball divisions are defined by the age of the player as of December 31st. Players must be the age, or younger, of their respective division level on December 31st of the past year. A player may only play in one division at a time. Players are allowed to play "up" one division with a written request sent to the Commissioner for board approval. No player is permitted to play "down" an age group. Any falsifying or incorrect birth dates recorded will be brought to the attention of the board for review.

D. Fees: NO player will be placed on a team roster until player fees are paid in full. Scholarships are available upon written request to the board for approval.

E. Head Coach: Head coaches will be chosen by the division coordinator or Softball VP and presented to the board for approval. All head and assistant coaches are required to complete a background check through the league before being placed on a team. This fee is paid for by the SCBA.

F. Coaches Clinic: Each Head coach will be required to attend the preseason coaches clinic. This is a mandatory clinic for all head coaches.

G. Attendance: Any player that is missing two consecutive practices or games without a reasonable effort or communication made may be requested to be removed from the teams roster.

H. Tobacco: There shall be absolutely NO tobacco use on the fields, dugouts and within the spectator areas.

I. Drugs & Alcohol: Any type of drug or alcohol is not permitted or tolerated anywhere in the park.

J. Sportsmanship: Any coach, manager, or player conducting themselves in any unethical, immoral, or unsportsmanlike manner will be placed on suspension pending an executive board review. No player or coach under review may have any contact with the team until the review is complete. The SCBA takes these matters seriously and there will be a zero tolerance policy on this.

K. Ejection: If a player is ejected at any time during a game they are to be confined to the bench until the game is completed. Their batting spot will be considered an out each time their spot is up to bat. If any coach or manager is ejected, they are to leave the field and have no contact with the team for the remainder of the game. They will also be placed under suspension by the league until a review is completed. If a manager, player, coach or spectator is ejected for a second time during the season that player or person will be removed from the team immediately under the SCBA zero tolerance policy.

L. The throwing (slinging) of a bat shall not be tolerated. On the first occasion during any game, the team shall be given a warning. On the second occasion by any player, regardless if that player was the player who threw the bat on the first occasion, the player shall be called out and the team shall be given a second warning. On the third occasion during the same game, the player who throws the bat, regardless if that player had thrown the bat previously during that game, shall be called out and is subject to ejection from the game at the discretion of the umpire.

M. Line up: All players present at the start of the game will be placed on the batting order and will bat. Late arrivals will be placed on the bottom of the line up with no penalty.

N. Canceling Games: ALL game cancellations will be made at the discretion of the Field Maintenance crew. Game cancellations will be made 1 hr prior to game start times. Just because an early game is canceled that does not mean that the games after that will be canceled. Some games may be a game time decision and the Umpires decision is final.

O. Coaches Agreements: NO coaches agreement will override ANY pre written rules posted.

P. Player Rotation: All rotation rules for each division shall be followed.

Q. Practices: All practices will begin when noted by the SCBA (or community). SCBA teams will schedule one practice during the week and once on the weekend. Coordinators have the right to move times and fields as needed.

R. Legal Game- A complete game shall consist of six (6) innings or the expiration of time. A game that has been called due to weather but has completed four (4) full innings (or three and a half (3 ½) innings with the home team leading), shall be considered a complete game.

S. Forfeited Games: The SCBA is a rec organization therefore we do not "forfeit" games. All players showing up will be allowed to play. Players from the opposite team may be placed in the outfield. Any subs MUST be registered players from the same division.