

MODIFIED LEVEL FAST PITCH SOFTBALL 2012

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PITCHING DISTANCE in NASSAU COUNTY will be 40' unless for some "unusual" reason an existing secured pitcher's plate is set in place as close as 36'. Measurement is taken from rear point of home-plate to the front edge of pitcher's plate. Each Section can choose 40' or 43' – Sect. 8 has chosen 40'.

ALL BASES must be secured in place. If there is a loose home plate, inform both teams beforehand. If the pitcher's plate is not secured, do not use it; a line may be drawn on the ground for the pitcher to pitch from. **Safety and Liability Mandates - Without a legal DOUBLE BASE of equal thickness at first base, the game cannot be played. Without CHINSTRAPS the game cannot be played. Without an approved offensive FACE GUARD/FACE MASK the game cannot be played.**

15 RUN RULE after five or more complete innings. **No visiting team can win by the 15 run rule in any partial inning.** (No visiting team can win by the run rule in the top of any inning starting with the fifth.) Innings #1 through #6 allow no more than **three outs** or **five runs**. Unlimited runs are allowed in the 7th inning. * If early notice is given to the umpires that the sixth inning will be the final inning to be played on a particular day, that inning can have unlimited runs as would normally be the case with the seventh inning.

ALL ASA and **NYS FASTPITCH RULES** are in effect including bunting, stealing, dropped third strike & pitcher/catcher courtesy rulings. **NO METAL SPIKED SHOES!** There is no "must slide" rule. **NEW FOR 2012 – a coach must attend the captains' pre-game conference at home plate conducted by the umpires.**

A minimum of 9 players BAT and 9 PLAY THE FIELD. 10 may BAT and 10 may PLAY THE FIELD, you can have a team of 9 playing against a team of 10. There is a possible **11 PLAYER DP GAME** (interpreted as **11 BAT** and **ANY 10** (of those 11) **PLAY THE FIELD**). **YOU CANNOT START WITH 8, CANNOT PLAY WITH 8** at any point during a middle school game as per long standing Section VIII Athletic Council Ruling. If you started with 10 and are forced to play with 9 under the **Non-Injury** provision of the shorthanded rule, an "out" should be recorded each time the missing batter's batting position comes up. **However**, if going shorthanded due to an **injury**, the re-entry rule may be waived and any available substitute player who has only gone in the game one time in some other batting position can be used. The game is ended if you go down to only 8 legally eligible players for a non-injury situation or if no subs at all exist when going down to 8 for an injury.

NO NEW INNING after generally allotted two-hour game time from when you actually start the game. For instance, a game starting at 4:15 can continue until no new inning being allowed to begin after 6:15. There is **no such thing** as "all play ceases after two hours;" **we finish the inning as necessary.** **NO extra innings are allowed.** A Tie is a Tie after 7 innings.

REMINDERS – No metal should be visible in any portion of legal bat grip. Although, in NYS, there is no penalty for accidentally having an unreported substitution, **ALL** substitutions should be reported to the plate umpire and opponent's scorekeeper. All starters and all subs may re-enter once. Make sure they re-enter in the same batting position on the lineup card. You get three **charged defensive** conferences per game - 7 innings. You get one **charged offensive** conference per inning.