

# All-Stars

## Softball

### 1. Field

- a. Peg bases will be used.
- b. Home team will supply a scorekeeper and have fields prepared.
- c. Home team will furnish a cooler of water for each game they host.
- d. Visiting team will have 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout and will be up to bat first.
- e. Pitching machines will be used.
  - a. Speed of pitching machine is set at 40 mph for 7<sup>th</sup> graders
  - b. Speed of pitching machine is set at 45 mph for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - c. The coach/adult designee whose team is on offense will operate the machine.
  - d. A glove must be worn while working the machine.
  - e. A fielder will stand to the left or right of machine to field.
  - f. Ball is live and playable if it hits machine or coach.
  - g. Umpire will still call balls and strikes with machine, with the understanding that  
there are no walks.
  - h. Runners may not leave the bag until ball leaves the machine.
  - i. A hit-by-pitch is a "dead ball"...runners may not advance because there is no live  
pitcher, only a machine.

### 2. Game Play

- a. Stealing is allowed in both the Festival and All-Star season.
- b. Tie Breaker
  1. In the event of a tie in All Stars, the 3/3/3 rule takes effect.
  2. 3 runners on base, 3 batters, 3 outs. (visitors bat first).
  3. If still a tie, repeat with 3 new batters.
- c. In the 5<sup>th</sup> inning there is no 5 run rule.
- d. Sliding is optional.
- e. "Hustle Rule"
  1. Teams will have max of 60 seconds to get into their positions after each inning.
  2. At 45 seconds, a warning will be announced by the umpire to warn athletes that  
they have 15 seconds to get into their positions.
  3. If the athletes are not in their positions by 60 seconds:

- a. One run is added to the team who is not in violation of the Hustle Rule.
- b. The catcher is exempt from the Hustle Rule if she has bat or run in the previous inning.
- 4. Ejected player or coach
  - a. Will not be allowed to finish that game.
  - b. Will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
- f. The Umpire, coaches, athletes and Athletic Director will remain on the field until the game, all disputes and ties are settled.

### 3. Innings/Time

- a. Game will consist of 5 innings.
- b. A new inning may not start after 1 hour and 20 minutes into the game.
- c. A game will be considered over when it is 10 minutes after sunset.

### 4. Teams

- a. A minimum of 12 to 15 players per squad.
- b. Every player must participate.
- c. An inning is over after 5 runs or 3 outs...whichever comes first.
- d. 9-batter line up...coaches must give roster to the official.
- e. Do not bat the roster in All-Stars.
- f. There will be 9 players on the field each inning.

### 5. Uniform

- a. No steel cleats may be used...only rubber.
- b. Sport sunglasses are allowed on defense only.
- c. All batters, runners, base coaches and student coaches will wear helmets
- d. Numbered jerseys, PE shorts or sliding pants and unaltered Festival shirt will be worn.
- e. All players are strongly urged to bring personal water bottles, hair ties and hats.