

B.Y.S. RULES FOR GIRLS 9-10

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1. Home team provides the official scorekeeper and a new game ball. The visiting team shall supply a good used ball as a backup.
2. A minimum of 8 players are required to start/finish a game.
3. There are 10 fielders. Maximum number of infielders is 6.
4. Games will consist of 7 innings. Five innings will constitute a complete game.
5. **A NEW INNING CANNOT START AFTER 1 HOUR AND 20 MINUTES FROM OFFICIAL START TIME.**
6. There is no infield fly rule in this league.
7. **ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY MINIMUM 3 INNINGS IN THE FIELD.**
8. **ALL PLAYERS ARE IN THE BATTING ORDER WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE FIELD OR NOT. All batters bat in a continuous batting order.**
9. Any players that arrive after the start of the game must be added to the bottom of the lineup. Any player not added to the bottom of the lineup will constitute a forfeit.
10. Maximum 5 runs scored per inning.
11. All batters and base runners must wear a batting helmet with a chin strap. The batting helmet must have two (2) earflaps.
12. Any USSSA approved single wall bat 23 ounces or less may be used. T-ball bats are not allowed.
13. Sliding is permitted. If there is a close play, the runner must avoid initiating contact with the fielder. If the umpire rules the runner initiated contact, the runner will be called out. **The umpire's ruling is final.**
14. Base distance is 55 feet. Pitcher's mound is 35 feet.
15. The pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber.
16. Strike mat will be used. ANY pitch that hits the mat with the proper arc (3 ft. from release to 12 ft. max.) will be called a strike. The height of the arc is at the umpire's discretion.
17. Coaches will pitch the 1st 2 innings until school lets out in June. Girls will pitch the remainder of the innings. The girl's pitch all innings after summer vacation begins.

***Coach pitch** has no balls or strikes.

-Batter gets 7 pitches to put ball in play with 1 foul to give on the seventh pitch.

-Play is considered dead once the ball is touched (intentionally or not) by a coach. Runners are to return to their previous bases and the batter count remains the same.

***Player pitch** Balls and strikes will be counted with one foul ball to give on 2nd strike.

18. Coaches are responsible for contacting their team for rain outs and make-up games.
19. The wearing of jewelry is prohibited. (Exception: Medical alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn. Jewelry of a religious nature may be worn but must be taped down.) The first offense will result in a warning and the player will be allowed to remove the jewelry. The next player caught wearing jewelry will be declared out.
20. Uniforms:
 - (a) All players on a team shall wear uniforms, hats or shirts identical in color, trim and style. All players' uniforms shall include minimal six inch numbers on their backs. No player whose uniform does not conform to that of his/her teammates shall be permitted to participate in a game.
 - (b) No player shall wear ragged, frayed or slit sleeves.
 - (c) No player shall attach to his/her uniform tape or other material of a different color from his/her uniform.
 - (d) No part of the uniform shall include a pattern that imitates or suggests the shape of a baseball or softball.
 - (e) Glass buttons and polished metal shall not be used on a uniform.
 - (f) No player shall attach anything to the heel or toe of his/her shoe other than the ordinary shoe plate or toe plate. Shoes with metal spikes or cleats are not permitted. Shoes with molded cleats are permissible.
 - (g) No part of the uniform shall include patches or designs relating to commercial advertisements.
 - (h) No player may alter their uniform in any way by cutting off their sleeves or cutting the sides of the uniforms.
 - (i) Players names may be added to the back of the uniform.
 - (j) If a player comes to a game with the sleeves cut or altered in any form, that player will not be eligible to play in that game.
21. Language: Foul or vulgar language WILL NOT be tolerated. ANYONE, (player, coach or spectator) that violates this rule MAY and WILL be tossed from the game WITHOUT a warning by the umpire, by the commissioner or any other BYS Board Member.
22. **ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** There are no protests or appeals.
23. Winning coach is to e-mail, Text or call results to the commissioner.

