

**2011 PENN HILLS GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
TOURNAMENT & PARK RULES**

10 & Under Division Rules

A. General

1. Current-year ASA rules apply except as modified herein.
2. Protests must be settled at the time of the protest. The game must be suspended until the protest is ruled upon.

B. Field

1. The playing field is a 60-foot diamond. The distance between bases is 60 feet.
2. The pitching distance is 40 feet.

C. Batters & Base Runners

1. All players in attendance, including those on the bench, must bat in a continuous lineup.
2. All batters and base runners must wear a batting helmet.
3. **No relaxed step.** One foot must remain on the base at all times. If a player steps off the base and the ball is not hit, the runner will be called out.
4. A foul after 2 strikes is not an out, unless it is a foul catch.
5. If a player must leave a game for any reason, an out will be recorded the first time that player does not bat when required. The player is then removed from the batting lineup and skipped without penalty of an out for all subsequent at-bats and is not permitted to re-enter the lineup for the remainder of the current game.

D. Rules of Play

1. Games are 6 innings. There is a 1 hour time limit for each game. No NEW inning will start after the time limit. If the game is tied after 6 complete innings AND/OR the time limit has been exceeded, extra inning(s) will be played until a winner is determined. A runner will start each half inning of the extra inning(s) on second base. That runner will be the last batter having a completed at-bat from the previous inning. All games are deemed "OFFICAL" after 4 complete innings.
2. A 10-run-ahead rule is in effect after the losing team has batted 5 full innings, conditional upon the losing team having the opportunity to bat as many times as the winning team (i.e., the home team cannot lose in the top of an inning due to the run ahead rule). A 20 run mercy rule will apply after any time during the game and the game will be stopped.
3. The infield fly rule is not enforced.