

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

1. This is a round robin tournament, weather permitting. The tournament may be postponed, rescheduled, delayed, or canceled due to weather. In case of prolonged inclement weather, the tournament formats for all age groups may be changed at the discretion of the tournament director.
2. Teams must be classified ASA Class "B"/Community Teams or lower.
3. Team rosters are limited to 15 players 1 manager 2 coaches and 1 scorekeeper. Rosters must be submitted at the tournament drawing. Managers must carry with them their copies of birth certificates as player's proof of age. Rosters may not be changed after the start of your 1st game.
4. Only those named on the roster are permitted to play and or be in the dugout/bench area.
5. ASA rules will govern all tournament play, with exceptions listed herein.
6. Teams should report 30 minutes before the scheduled start of their game. The game will be ruled a forfeit if a team does not have enough players 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, no exceptions. Games may start earlier than the scheduled start time.
7. A coin flip will determine the home team.
8. Each player must wear a numbered shirt. No duplicate numbers of the same colored shirt.
9. All players are to keep off of the infields between games. No practices on any unused fields during the tournament. No soft toss against fences in the complex.
10. The umpire will provide the ground rules before each game.
11. Complete line-up cards should be turned into the umpire at the start of the game. The umpire and team managers will sign the scorebook after each game. This will be the permanent record of the contest. There will be no corrections after the scorebook has been signed.
12. Unsportsman like conduct will not be tolerated.
13. Teams are responsible for the behavior of their fans.
14. Each team will be required to sign a waiver releasing Penn Hills Township and the PHGSA of any and all financial and legal responsibility that results from the injury of a player, manager, coach, scorekeeper, or fan, and from any or all property damage.
15. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR OPEN FLAMES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COMPLEX.
16. Everyone must comply with the traffic laws of the complex. The Penn Hills Township Police will enforce these laws.
17. Pitching & Base Distances:
 - 19 & Under 50 ft & 65 ft
 - 16 & Under 50 ft & 65 ft
 - 14 & Under 50 ft & 65 ft
 - 12 & Under 46 ft & 60 ft
 - 10 & Under 40 ft & 60 ft

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18. Protests must be settled at the time of the protest. The game must be stopped and the protest ruled on prior to the resumption of play. The decision of the umpire and/or Tournament Director is final. If the game continues without the protest being ruled on, the protest will be thrown out.

19. No third strike foul rule for all divisions.

20. *No relaxed step* rule is in effect and will be at the discretion of the umpire.

21. A 10 run mercy rule will apply after 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead, and after 5 or more complete innings if the away team is ahead. A 20 run mercy rule will apply after any time during the game and the game will be stopped.

22. In case of injury only, when no other players are available for substitution or re-entry, a team using the extra player (EP) per ASA rules may complete the game with 10 players, and a team beginning a game with 10 players may complete the game with 9 players. In either case, an out shall be recorded for the injured player's position in the lineup for each turn at bat.

23. Batting helmets and catcher's masks and chest protectors are mandatory.

24. A double first base will be used. ASA rules for the double first base will apply.

25. Games are 7 innings. There is a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit for each game. No NEW inning will start after the time limit.

If the game is tied after 7 complete innings AND/OR the time limit has been exceeded, extra inning(s) will be played until a winner is determined. All games are deemed "OFFICAL" after 4 complete innings unless the 20 run mercy rule applies.

26. We will follow the 2010 ASA Approved bat list. Anyone caught using an illegal bat (this must be addressed at the time of the infraction) 1st offense of game – Batted ball is ruled a "dead ball", batter is out and all base runners must return to base occupied prior to the batted ball and the bat is removed from the game. A pitch must be thrown prior to the infraction being called. This must be brought to the attention of the umpire by the questioning MANAGER ONLY. It is not up to the umpire to watch every bat being used. 2nd offense of the game – Game will be stopped and the offending team will forfeit that game. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

******* Please see special rules for 8u and 10u age groups.**