

# KMLGSAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

(The 2006 softball tournament will be held in Jackson, WI at Jackson Park on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>)

1. League rules must be followed when playing other schools within the League during the season as well as in the tournament.
2. Awards will be given in the girls and boys divisions for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The pairing of teams is done by a random draw. The team on the top bracket is the home team.
4. ALL TEAMS MUST FURNISH ONE UMPIRE FOR EACH TEAM ENTERED. Teams will umpire their own game. One team taking the plate duties and one taking the field duties. This arrangement should be agreed upon by both teams before game play.
5. Ten players may play. Teams must have at least 9 players. A team is not required to play 9 players if its opponent has only 9 players.
6. AH (Additional Hitter): Teams may bat 11 players in rotation, but still play 10 in the field. You can't add or delete an AH after the game is started.
7. A player taken out of the game may reenter, but only for the player he is being substituted for. He must also bat in the same position in the batting order as the person he is replacing.
8. All catchers must wear masks.
9. Two strikes (any combination), the batter is out, a batter walks on three balls.
10. A base runner may lead off only after the batter makes contact with the ball.
11. No stealing. No bunting. Sliding is allowed.
12. Slow-pitch for both boys and girls with an arch. When a pitch is too low in the judgment of the umpire, it will be called a ball if the batter did not swing at the pitch. Note: Batters should not take chances with 1 strike.
13. Arch defined: The ball must be delivered with a perceptible arch- from the time it leaves the pitchers hand- of at least 3 feet from the hand but not more than 12 feet off the ground, before the ball reaches the plate.
14. The pitcher must begin with both feet on the rubber. (A step back may be taken before stepping forward.) At least one foot must be on the rubber at all times especially at the point of release.
15. A 27in. by 17in. mat will be used. A strike must hit any portion of the mat or plate.
16. To score, a player must touch home plate, not the mat behind the plate.
17. Batter must stay in the batters box while swinging. Any batter who steps on or in front of home plate while making contact with the ball is out.
18. Games will be 7 innings in length. A 10 run rule after 4 innings, or a 45-minute time limit will be used. No new innings after 40 minutes. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> games will be played for a full 7 innings each. (The 10 run rule still applies.)
19. When there are at least 7 teams, a double elimination tournament format will be used.
20. Three innings constitutes a game in case of rain. Any team ahead after three innings is the winner.
21. Bases should be 60 ft. apart for both boys' and girls' games. The girls' mound should be 40ft from the back of home plate, and 46 ft. for the boys. An 11 in. softball will be used for the girls' games.
22. Any pop fly 10 feet or higher inside the base lines with runners on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or all three bases with 1 or no outs – the batter is out. Rule 2-8;ART.5: An infield fly is a fair fly (Not including a line drive) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort; and provided the hit is made before 2 are out and at a time when 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or all bases are occupied. When it seems apparent that a batted ball will be an infield fly, the plate umpire immediately announces it for the benefit of the runners. If the hit should then prove to be foul, the decision is reversed and it is treated the same as any foul. RULE 7; SEC.4g: An infield fly is declared when runners occupy at least 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bases and before 2 are out.
23. It makes no difference whether the runner turns right or left after crossing 1<sup>st</sup> base. However, if the runner makes a move to go to 2<sup>nd</sup>, (even if he changes his mind) he can be tagged out if he is off the base.
24. Any player may make an appeal before the next pitch. Time is out during an appeal.
25. If girls compete on a boy's team, they may not be on the girl's team.
26. Rubber / plastic spikes or tennis shoes may be worn.
27. Only Official Softball bats in good condition may be used in games. Coaches should be checking player's bats.
28. Throwing the bat: Should a player throw the bat, the umpire will first give a team warning, and the second time the player will be called out. It is considered a dead ball situation.
29. Schools are to have a safety base at first base for the player to run to.
30. These printed rules must be made available to coaches and umpires prior to each game.
31. If a dispute cannot be settled between coaches and umpires, the Softball Committee will make the final decision.