

**MEDINA GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
DIVISION III**

1. PLAY BY A.S.A. RULES.
  - A. Only exceptions are the following league stated changes.
2. DIVISION IS DETERMINED BY AGE.
  - A. Ages 13 and under. Can't be 14 before 8/1/06.
3. PITCHERS PLATE IS 35 FT. FROM HOME PLATE AND BASES ARE @ 60 FT.
4. LOOK BACK RULE.
  - A. Failure to immediately proceed to the next base or return to her base once the pitcher has the ball within the eight (8) foot radius of the pitcher's plate shall result in the base runner being declared out.
  - B. Once the runner returns to a base for any reason, she shall be declared out if she leaves said base, unless a play is made on her or another runner, ( a fake throw is considered a play), the pitcher no longer has possession of the ball in the eight (8) foot radius, or the pitcher releases the ball by a pitch to the batter.
  - C. A base on balls is treated the same as a batted ball. The batter/runner may continue past 1st base and is entitled to run toward 2nd base as long as she does not stop at 1st base. If she stops as she rounds 1st, she must then comply with part (a) above.
5. BATTERS MAY NOT RUN ON A DROPPED 3RD STRIKE.
6. STEALING BASES (INCLUDING HOME) IS PERMITTED.
  - A. Base runners may not leave their base until the pitched ball crosses home plate.
  - B. Base runners who leave their base before the ball crosses home plate will be declared out.
7. SLIDING IS ALLOWED.
8. NO YELLING AT UMPIRES AND OFFICIALS. REQUEST TIME OUT AND MEET AT HOME PLATE FOR A CIVILIZED DISCUSSION.
  - A. If a manager or assistant constantly disputes calls or harasses the umpires, the umpires should bring the issue to the attention of the Board.
9. ANY MANAGER, COACH OR TEAM ASSISTANT BEING EJECTED FROM A GAME WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING GAME.
10. TEAM SCOREKEEPERS ARE TO VERIFY THE SCORE AFTER EACH INNING.
11. PLAY WILL STOP UPON INJURY, BUT ONLY WHEN THE UMPIRE CALLS TIME OUT.

12. PLAY IS STOPPED WHEN THE PITCHER HAS THE BALL IN THE EIGHT (8) FOOT
13. RADIUS OF THE PITCHER PLATE AND ALL PLAYERS ARE ON BASE OR THE TERMS OF THE LOOK BACK RULE ARE FULFILLED.
14. TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYERS WILL BE USED - THIS IS NOT MEANT TO HAVE A PLAYER IMMEDIATELY BEHIND 2<sup>nd</sup> BASE, BUT TO HAVE FOUR OUTFIELDERS.
  - A. A minimum of seven (7) players are required to play a game.
15. ALL PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BAT IN A CONTINUOUS ROTATION UNTIL 3 OUTS HAVE BEEN MADE.
16. THERE WILL BE A TEN MINUTE GRACE PERIOD FOR TEAMS ARRIVING LATE TO A GAME.
17. JEWELRY --- NO JEWELRY OR HARD PLASTIC HEAD BANDS. IF EARS WERE PIERCED AND EARRINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OUT, THE PLAYER WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAME.
18. EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) INNINGS.
  - A. No player, including the pitcher, may play the same position for more than 4 innings per game. No pitcher should pitch more than 3 consecutive innings.
19. RECOMMENDATION: Pitchers should not pitch more than 9 innings in a week.
20. CHIN STRAPS ARE TO BE ON HELMETS, AND PLAYERS MAY NOT REMOVE THEIR HELMETS UNTIL THEY ARE OFF THE PLAYING FIELD.
21. NO PLAYER, COACH, OR SPECTATOR MAY POSITION THEMSELVES DIRECTLY BEHIND THE BACKSTOP.
22. TIES MUST BE PLAYED OUT OR SUSPENDED TO ANOTHER DATE.
23. GAMES WILL BE SEVEN INNINGS LONG. FIVE COMPLETE INNINGS CONSTITUTES A COMPLETE GAME IF IT IS CALLED DUE TO RAIN OR DARKNESS. NO NEW INNING WILL BE STARTED AFTER TWO HOURS OF PLAY AS DETERMINED BY THE UMPIRE, UNLESS THE SCORE IS TIED. ANY GAME REACHING A DURATION OF TWO HOURS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A COMPLETE GAME REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INNINGS PLAYED.
24. THE PITCHER MUST PRESENT THE BALL WITH HER PIVOT FOOT ON THE PITCHER'S PLATE AND THE NON-PIVOT FOOT EITHER IN CONTACT WITH OR BEHIND THE PITCHER'S PLATE. UPON BRINGING HER HANDS TOGETHER, SHE MAY BEGIN THE WIND UP. SHE MAY STEP EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD WITH THE NON-PIVOT FOOT WHILE KEEPING THE PIVOT FOOT IN CONTACT WITH THE PLATE. UPON THE RELEASE OF THE BALL, THE PIVOT FOOT MUST BE IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND. LEAPING OR CROW HOPPING OFF THE PITCHER'S PLATE WILL CONSTITUTE AN ILLEGAL PITCH. AT ALL TIME DURING THE PITCHING PROCESS, SHE MUST KEEP BOTH FEET WITHIN THE WIDTH ON THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

25. INFIELD FLY RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT.
26. THROWING THE BAT IS NOT ALLOWED.
  - A. 1st time --- warning.
  - B. 2nd time ---player is out.
  - C. 3rd time ---- ejected.
27. TWELVE (12) RUN MERCY RULE WILL APPLY AFTER FIVE INNINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED (4-1/2 INNINGS IF HOME TEAM IS AHEAD BY 12 RUNS).
28. CATCHER MUST WEAR COMPLETE SET OF CATCHER'S EQUIPMENT WHILE ON THE FIELD OF PLAY.
  - A. Includes shin guards, chest protector, and helmet with throat guard.
29. SPECTATORS AND GUESTS ARE TO SUPPORT ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES. THEY ARE NOT TO QUESTION OR CHALLENGE ANY CALLS OF THE OFFICIALS. THE UMPIRES' DECISION IS FINAL AND BINDING, AND THE ONLY PERSON WHO MAY QUESTION A CALL IS A MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF, AND, HE/SHE MUST FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IN LEAGUE OR A.S.A. RULES, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.
  - A. Verbal abuse, harassment, or insulting remarks by a player, or umpire will result in a warning, removal of that person's child from the game, or, forfeiture of the game, at the discretion of the umpire.
30. EQUIPMENT
  - A. Twelve (12) inch balls will be used.
  - B. Bats shall be marked OFFICIAL SOFTBALL if they are over 30 inches long.
  - C. Mitts may be used at any position on the field.

**ALL EQUIPMENT - (BATTERS AND CATCHERS) SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES – PRACTICES, WARM-UPS AND GAMES**