

# AMHERST GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2018 SENIORS DIVISION HOUSE LEAGUE

We will follow the NSA "Official Softball Rule Book" and the House Generic Rules with the following exceptions:

## Game/Times:

1. A game consists of seven (7) full innings, except when called due to bad weather, darkness, or lateness. Then, five (5) complete innings shall constitute an official game.
2. If the game is tied after the final inning both teams will be awarded with a tie. Except during playoffs where play will continue until there is a winner.
3. Mercy Rule: If either team is leading by 15 runs or more after the fifth inning, that team is declared the winner and the game is over.

## Uniform and Equipment:

The teams will use 12-inch balls provided by the league. The home team supplies both game balls for the game.

## Umpire:

1. In the Seniors Level, paid Umpires are used. Prior to the start of the game, both coaches should meet with the umpire to discuss division specific rules. The Umpire's rulings are considered final. There will be no tolerance of arguing with an umpire by anyone. If a problem arises, ask the Director on Duty for assistance.
2. If an umpire does not show, please have an agreement between both teams for an adult to umpire the game. If the umpire comes late, he/she will replace the adult. An umpire not being present is not grounds for postponement.
3. The home team is responsible for paying the umpire fee. They have two types of checks. The full amount, and 1/2 the full amount. The umpire is compensated for 1/2 pay if they show up, and the game is cancelled. The umpire is compensated with full pay if the game starts and is then cancelled.

## Pitching/Batting:

1. The pitching rubber is 43 feet from the back point of home plate. **Note: Most fields have the pitching rubber at 40 feet.** Equipment is available in the garage if the rubber is wrong. Ask the Director on Duty for assistance.
2. Dropped third strike rule is in effect. The batter may run to first at risk of being thrown out when the catcher drops a called third strike when the following:
  - a. If less than two outs and first base was not occupied prior to the pitch
  - b. If there are two outs and first base is occupied prior to the pitch

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## Defense/Baserunning:

1. A maximum of 9 fielders can be on the playing field at one time.
  - a. 3 Outfielders: they must be on the grass evenly spread
  - b. 6 Infielders: First base, second base, shortstop, third base, pitcher and a catcher.
2. The infield fly rule is in effect
3. Stealing 2nd and 3rd base and home plate is allowed. Base runners may leave their base after the ball has left the pitcher's hand.
4. Base runners may advance on an overthrow.

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