

Quad-Town Softball Rules
Andover, Haverhill, Lawrence, North Andover

12U – Grades 5 and 6

Games:

- Game days are Thursdays and Saturdays, with some weekday and Sunday games as needed.
- Ties will count.

Innings:

- A half inning will last for the traditional three outs or **a maximum of five runs, except in 6th inning.**
- There is no continuation (scoring stops at 5 runs per inning).
- There is no mercy rule.
- Games will go up to six innings. The sixth inning is the only inning that is not capped scoring-wise. It does not matter if both teams predetermine an earlier inning to be the “last” inning.
- Three innings will count as a complete game.
- The time limit for games is 1:45. The inning starts when the previous inning ends, not when the first pitch of the next inning is thrown.

Baserunning:

- Runners may advance on an overthrow generated by a hit ball, per ASA rules. On a walk, the runner must stop at 1b.
- Overthrows are live, and it counts as a steal if baserunners advance (except on a ball that goes out of bounds).
- There are 5 successful steals maximum per inning, only two of which may be successful steals of home. (No limit on attempts)
- Delayed steals are permitted.

Hitting:

- No slash hitting
- Bunting is permitted

Pitching:

- A pitcher can pitch for three innings (or 9 outs) maximum per game.
- A pitcher can be removed and re-enter the game as pitcher once per game. However, the maximum is 9 outs per game, consecutive or non-consecutive.

Fielding

- A maximum of 10 girls will play the field at a time. There is no minimum or penalty for fewer than 9 girls on the field. If a team has only 8 players, the 9th spot in the batting order is *not* an out.
- Each girl must play at least 2 innings in the infield. Plan accordingly as not all games will go six innings. Do not leave it up to the last two innings to get girls into the IF.
- No girl should sit for a 2nd inning until everyone on the team has sat.

Outs

- Three outs or five runs will end an inning.
- There is no dropped third strike rule.
- There is no infield fly rule.