

B.P.G.S.A. GENERAL RULES 2010
INSTRUCTIONAL 7-8

The B.P.G.S.A will follow the rules of the ASA with the following exceptions:

1. FIELD DIMENSIONS:

Baseline	50 feet (hash mark ½ way between bases).
Pitching Distance	35 feet
Outfield	150 feet
Infield	Arc of 10 feet in front of home plate from foul line. Ball must pass this line to be in play.

2. The home team is responsible for A) setting up and lining the field; B) providing 2 coaches also acting as umpires on close plays (1st and 3rd); and C) one new game ball and one other ball in good condition. The official ball is an 11” incrediball.

3. All games will start at the scheduled times. A 15-minute grace period will be given. Teams having 8 players must start the game at the scheduled starting time. Players arriving late will be entered at the end of the batting order. All players will play in the field each inning. Teams may share players if one team has less than 8 players.

4. GAME LENGTH: 5 innings or 1 and ½ hour time limit from the start of the game, if another game follows. No new inning can be started after the time limit but an inning in progress must be finished. Practice time will be divided evenly between teams before the start of the game.

5. RUN RULES: A team can score no more than 5 runs per inning. No cumulative score is to be kept. No team standings will be kept.

6. In case of rain, the game will be suspended if less than 3 full innings have been played. Division coordinator will reschedule the game as soon as possible.

7. It will be the responsibility of the home team to cancel a game. The home team must notify the opposing manager and division coordinator at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled starting of the game. Games are to be rescheduled.

8. All outfielders must remain in the outfield during play and at least 10’ beyond the baseline. No outfielder can make an unassisted play at a base.

9. All players must play at least 2 full innings in the infield.

10. A coach will pitch to his own batter. A player will be assigned to field the pitching position. If a batted ball strikes the pitcher-coach, the ball is dead and runners will return to their original base. The player-pitcher will be within the circle and not closer to the

batter than the pitcher-coach. If the batter does not put the ball in play within 3 pitches, the “T” is used. Pitching arc is 6’ to 12’ from the ground. No coach shall make any defensive play.

11. The catcher will wear protective headgear and shall stand away from the batter.

12. Helmets with chinstraps securely in place, shall be worn by all batters and base runners.

13. Play will stop when (A) a fielding play is made at any base (whether or not an out is recorded); (B) when an infielder throws the ball into or close to the pitching circle (whether or not the pitcher has possession); and (C) a fielder returns the ball from the outfield across the infield/outfield line. There shall be no advancement due to overthrows, poor throws, dropped balls or if any injury occurs. Runners may advance until A, B or C has occurred.

14. When a pitcher makes a play on a runner going from 3rd base to home, the ball is dead and runners will be awarded the next base from where they started (whether the runner is safe or out).

15. If a base runner is not past the halfway mark when play is stopped, she must return to the previous base. Allow the play to finish and then return the runner to the base.

16. The use of a double first base will be employed to reduce collisions. The bases will be strapped together and securely anchored so that one base lies within the outside of the foul line. The fielder will use the infield (white) portion only; the runner will use the foul (colored) portion only when there is a play on the batter/runner. If the fielder uses the wrong ½, the runner is safe. If the runner uses the wrong ½ the runner is out.

17. **All bats must be aluminum with a barrel of 2.25” or smaller** that say official softball bat. No double or triple wall bats, titanium, or bats with engravings on the barrel. No bats are permitted with extenders or any attachments. No bats are permitted that are listed on the “ASA Banned List” on the ASA website.

******* NOTE: TEAM MANAGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTION AND REMOVAL OF “IN HOUSE ILLEGAL BATS”. THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

18. No smoking or profanity permitted on the field or in the team areas during any practice or game.

19. Team members only on the bench.

20. No one behind the backstop during the playing of the game.

21. Mouth guards are MANDATORY. Players not having a mouth guard at the start of the game will not be permitted to play. If a player enters the batters box without her mouth guard, the batter must put the mouth guard in her mouth, or she cannot bat or play any longer in that game.