

# **MUSKEGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

## **Junior Slow Pitch Softball League Specific Rules Ages 6 – 8**

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1. A regulation NFHS 11" softball will be used.
2. Bats must be 31 inches or less and softball league approved.
3. Game scores and team standing will not be kept.
4. An underhanded pitch by the coach targeting the strike zone will be used.
5. Up to three offensive coaches may be on the field during games (pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> base coach, 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach). Up to two outfield coaches and one coach behind the catcher can be on the field during game play by the defense.
6. All games will be at Bay Lane and start at 6:00pm, except for picture night. Games will last 6 innings or 80 minutes, whichever comes first.
7. For the first 3 games of the season only: During the first full inning, all players on both teams will bat and run the bases once through the lineup. After the first inning, the 3 out rule or once through the lineup, whichever comes first, will apply. After the first 3 games of the season: The 3 out rule or once through the lineup, whichever comes first, will apply for all innings.
8. Teams will field 9 players. Exception: if both teams have 10 or more players, each team may play 4 outfielders. (Outfield is defined as the edge of the outfield grass).
9. No bunting allowed.
10. No leading off base until the ball is either hit or crosses home plate. A runner may not advance unless the ball is hit or batter is walked.
11. No infield fly rule is enforced.
12. After 6 swings without a hit, the batter will hit off of a tee.
13. The player in the pitcher position must stand on the pitching line until the ball is hit.
14. The bat must be dropped after hitting the ball. Throwing the bat is not allowed.
15. Base runners must stay in the base paths.
16. On an over throw at first base, the runner must remain at first base. On all other over throws, the runners can advance at their own risk.
17. When a ball is thrown from the outfield toward home and crosses an imaginary line between 1 and 3, runners can not advance beyond the base they are in the process of heading to at their own risk.
18. The batter and base runners must avoid contact with defensive players.
19. Sliding is allowed and encouraged.
20. All players must wear pants, jersey, and hat. **NO SHORTS ALLOWED.**
21. The general rules of NFHS softball and the MAA General rules will be used.