

2008 Kan Will Minor Division Softball Rules(as of February, 2008)

League will follow IHSA Rules for both regular season and tournament games, except where deviated from below:

1. Team Rosters must be turned in at the Spring Scheduling meeting. Team Rosters must include name, and birth date. Substitute players names must appear on the roster turned in at the spring meeting. Substitutes must be on a team's roster, and if they are not on a roster, the girl will not be able to play.
2. The age requirements are 11 and 12 years old by September 1, 2008.
3. The Kan Will Board must approve any roster change after the Spring Meeting.
4. Games must begin at their scheduled time. The late team will forfeit games not started within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time due to lateness of teams or coaches. The only exception to this is to allow the completion of a game already in progress. Violating teams will pay for the umpires.
5. If a game is delayed 30 minutes due to umpires, the game can be played with volunteer umpires given both coaches agree, or the game will be rescheduled at the visiting team's town at the cost of the host violating team.
6. **IHSA pitching substitution applies.**
7. All girls present must play a minimum of two consecutive defensive innings. Their name must appear on the line-up prior to the start of the inning, and they must play the complete inning for it to count. If the home team does not have to bat the last inning, that inning will count as a complete inning. Any girl who is injured or becomes ill during the game will be exempt from this rule. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule will be a forfeiture of the game by the offending team. All players present must be entered on the scorecard prior to the start of the game. No inning will start later than on hour and 45 minutes from the start of the game. If a game is stopped due to the time limit, it is considered a complete game regardless of the inning. (End of previous inning is start time). The start time will be noted in the home teams score book, and by the home team umpire. End of the season tournament games may be lengthened at the discretion of the tournament chairman before the start of the tournament.
8. A tie game may be continued at the discretion of the home team coach considering light, and other safety factors. Individual town rules will take precedent.
9. The home coach will reschedule all rainouts within 72 hours.
10. A game that is postponed due to any condition will be a suspended game, and continue at the stopping point **after the 1st inning is completed. If the 1st inning isn't completed; a new game is started.**
11. Catcher/Pitcher speed up rule: When a catcher or pitcher gets on base and there are two outs, the previous player to make an out can be utilized as a substitute runner. If a catcher or pitcher made the last out, the previous person to make an out may be utilized.
12. In case of a tie for final standings in won loss record, head to head results will be utilized to break the tie.
13. Safety Base must be used at first base.
14. Two umpires are required. Umpires will be at least 16 years old, and the plate umpire must be IHSA registered or equivalent.
15. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her fans.
16. **Rostered girls can only pitch and catch at their age group.**
17. All bats shall meet ASA bat performance standards, and such bats shall not be labeled with the permanent ASA approved certification mark.
18. **No Metal Cleats**

IHSA Deviations:

1. Each team will field 10 players. Games may be played with 8 or 9 players; anything less and the game will be forfeited. Late players may enter the game immediately upon arriving, and will be placed at the end of the batting order.
2. Eight Run Rules: No team will score more than 8 runs during the first 5 innings. In the event that a team has less than 8 runs and the 8th run crosses the plate in the middle of a play, the play must be completed prior to the inning ending. Runs scored in the completion of the play will count.
3. The 10th player must be utilized as an outfielder, and play in an even arc with the other outfielders (**Four Across**).
4. Games will be 7 innings. A game will be official after 5 or 6 innings (4 ½ or 5 ½ if the home team is ahead) if one team is leading by 10 or more runs. If team wins by slaughter rule, unplayed innings count as innings fulfilling players playing requirement, and any player that did not get to play must start the next game.
5. If a team fields less than 10 players the last batting position (9th or 10th) will be an out.
6. An IHSA 12" yellow optic softball will be used.
7. **A continuous batting order will be utilized.**