

## 2008 Kan Will Pixie 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 9 and 10 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 teams town at the cost of the host violating team.
6. 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.
7. 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). Game start time will be noted in the home teams score book. 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. End of the season tournament games may be lengthened at the discretion of the tournament chairman before the start of the tournament.
8. The home coach will reschedule all rain outs within 72 hours.
9. A game that is postponed due to any condition will be a suspended game, and continue at the stopping point **after the 1<sup>st</sup> inning is completed. If the 1<sup>st</sup> inning isn't completed; a new game is started.**
10. 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.
11. In case of a tie for final standings in won loss record, head to head results will be utilized to break the tie.
12. Safety Base must be used at first base.
13. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her fans.
14. **Rostered girls can only pitch and catch at their age group.**
15. All bats shall meet ASA bat performance standards, and such bats shall not be labeled with the permanent ASA approved certification mark.
16. **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. A team batting less than 10 players will not receive an out for the missing positions.
2. Games will be 5 innings/complete game 3 1/2 if home team is ahead or 4 innings.
3. Five Run Rule: No team will score more than 5 runs during the first 4 innings. In the event that a team has less than 5 runs and the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. Bases will be 50 feet, and the pitchers mound will be 35 feet.
5. There are no limitations on substitutions.
6. **There is no stealing. Runners may lead off after the ball is pitched at the risk of being picked off with no advancement on an overthrow.**
7. Dropped third strike counts as an out.
8. There is no infield fly rule.
9. **On a batted ball**, one base advance on an overthrow. In the event of an overthrow, the runner may attempt to advance "only" one base. After all runners advance one base, the play is dead.
10. An IHSA 11" yellow optic softball will be used.
11. If a pitcher walks 6 consecutive batters, she will be replaced, and cannot return as a pitcher until the next inning.
12. One umpire at least 16 years of age or an active member of the Kan Will Junior League will be provided.
13. A continuous batting order will be utilized.
14. The 10<sup>th</sup> player must be utilized as an outfielder, and play in an even arc with the other outfielders. (Four Across)
15. Sliding to avoid contact with opposing players is encouraged but not required.
16. **If a pitcher hits three batters, the pitcher shall be pulled; and cannot return as a pitcher until the next inning. If the pitcher hits one more batter during the game, the pitcher must be pulled and cannot pitch again in that game.**