

2009 LUYAA Girls Softball League

12 & UNDER RULES

1. A regulation game is 7 innings. A complete game consists of **five** (5) full innings or **four and one-half** (4 1/2) innings, if the home team is ahead.
2. A fifteen (15) run rule is in effect. When one team is ahead by 15 runs or more, and the game is considered to be complete as stated in Rule 1 above, play is stopped at the end of the inning (or, half inning with home team ahead) and the game is over.
3. (2009 adjustment) The batting order will consist of all players at the game, and will run in a continuous order. Each team is allowed to substitute fielders freely throughout the game. (See General Rules)
4. An inning will end in any one of the following ways:
 - a. When **three** (3) outs are made.
 - b. When **five** (5) runs are scored in that inning. (Innings 1 – 5 only, suspended in the 6th and 7th innings).
5. Two-walk limit - There are no more than two walks per half-inning. After two walks and a pitcher throws four balls to a batter (4th ball is live until batter's coach enters field), a coach from the batter's team delivers no more than three pitches to the batter. The batter must put the ball in play or an out is recorded. Runners cannot steal on pitches; and may only advance if ball is put in play. The coach/pitcher must not touch the ball while it is in play or interfere with a fielder making a play or all runners go back and the play is repeated. Coach-pitchers may not coach base runners or the batter-runner – if this occurs, play is repeated.
6. Hit-by-pitch (New 2009) – If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one inning where 1st base is awarded, she must be removed for that inning as pitcher. A pitcher is removed from that game altogether (pitching position only) if she hits a total of six (6) batters where 1st base is awarded.
7. (New 2009) All batters must use NOSCAE-approved helmets with facemasks. (see General Rules)