

# Red River Softball Association – 2009 League Rules – 12U and 16U

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1. **FIELD DIMENSIONS:**
  - a. Bases – 60 feet
  - b. Pitcher's Plate – 40 feet
  - c. Pitcher Circle – 8 foot radius around 40' pitching plate
2. **GAME:** 7 innings or 90 minute time limit
3. **INNING RUN RULE:** 5 runs
4. **GAME ENDING RUN RULE:** 15 after 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 after 4<sup>th</sup>, or 8 after 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. **OFFENSIVE:**
  - a. Continuous batting order of all players.
  - b. Players arriving after the umpire has started the game will be entered at the end of the batting order.
  - c. A substitute or "pinch" runner for an injured player will be the batter who made the last out.
6. **DEFENSIVE:**
  - a. Nine (9) players in the field (3 outfielders).
  - b. Seven (7) players minimum to field a team.  
NOTE: The missing 8<sup>th</sup> player will result in an automatic out. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> players are not scored as automatic outs.
7. **ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW:** Regular ASA rules.
8. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Allowed.
9. **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME:** See RRSA Rules (G).
10. **BUNTING:** Allowed.
11. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** Applicable.
12. **STOPPING OF PLAY:** At the discretion of the umpire.
13. **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:** Regular ASA rules.
14. **BASE STEALING:** Allowed.
15. **BASE RUNNER:** The base runner must maintain contact with the base until the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Any violation will result in the base runner being declared out.
16. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:** League standings will be kept and each team will be invited to participate in an end of season tournament.
17. **BALL SIZE:** Twelve (12) inch official ASA softball.
18. **ABBREVIATED GAMES:** In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be ruled official if the losing team has batted at least four (4) complete innings. The score will revert to the last complete inning to determine the winner. If four (4) full innings have not been completed, the game will be declared a suspended game. See RRSA Rules and Regulations (O).