
Softball

Rules & Regulations

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2016 JPRD SOFTBALL RULE BOOK



These are the official rules and regulations for the 2016 Softball season adopted by the Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation (JPRD), 6921 Saints Drive, Metairie, LA 70003 and 7437 Lapalco Boulevard, Marrero, LA 70072. The authorized softball program conducted at our playgrounds will comply with these rules and regulations. They are intended to enhance a competitive balance between playgrounds, minimize risks to participants, and promote enjoyable participation and sportsmanship. Any softball activity to include practice, clinics and games that are conducted outside the scope of these rules and regulations will not be considered as part of the authorized JPRD sports program which entitles players, coaches, and sponsors to certain rights and privileges.

JPRD has adopted the rules of various national sports coordinating bodies to govern rules not covered by JPRD. The JPRD rules and regulations will supersede these rules when applicable.

The Center Supervisor is the nearest JPRD official and certainly the most informed on matters dealing with the playground athletic leagues. We strongly suggest that parents, coaches, and players contact their playground center supervisor in attaining help. Naturally, the administrative staff at our Recreation Headquarters stands ready to help if needed. The first step is your Center Supervisor!

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Dates To Remember

- 1:01 **Schedules** are due into the Main Office, Eastbank or Westbank, one (1) week after the start of play in each age division.
- 1:02 **Roster due dates** for all leagues to include playground Pre-Season Coaches Meetings will be sent out by the respective Area Coordinators, Eastbank and Westbank.
- 1:03 **Waiver deadlines** - June 1, 2016

YOUTH LEAGUES:

- 1:04 **JPRD SOFTBALL SWEETIES** (*Girls - Ages 5-8*)
Practice starts no earlier than **April 11, 2016**.
- 1:05 **JPRD SOFTBALL ANGELS** (*Girls - Ages 9-10*)
Practice starts no earlier than **April 4, 2016**.
All Star PracticeJune 25
Eastbank Subdistrict -----July 9
Westbank Championship -----July 9
Eastbank Championship.....July 16
- 1:06 **JPRD SOFTBALL BABE RUTH** (*Girls - Ages 11-12*)
Practice starts no earlier than April 4, 2016.
All Star PracticeJune 25
Eastbank Subdistrict -----July 9
Westbank Championship -----July 9
Eastbank Championship.....July 16
- 1:07 **BABE RUTH TRAVEL LEAGUE**(*Girls – Ages 11-12*)
Practice starts no earlier than April 4, 2016

State Tournament – Babe Ruth-----June 22-----Metairie, LA
Regional Tournament – Babe Ruth.....July 13.....Harrison, AR
World Series – Babe Ruth-----Aug. 5-----Jensen Beach, FL

TEEN LEAGUES:

1:08 **BABE RUTH** (*Girls - Ages 13-14*)

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

State Tournament----- June 22 -----Metairie, LA

Regional Tournament-----July 12-----Mountain Home, AR

World Series -----July 28-----Jensen Beach, FL

1:09 **BABE RUTH** (*Girls - Ages 15-18*)

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

State Tournament(16's & 18's) ----- June 22 -----Metairie, LA

Regional Tournament (16's)-----July 13-----Harrison, AR

World Series(16's)----- July 28-----Jensen Beach, FL

Regional Tournament (18's)-----July 12-----Mountain Home, AR

1:10 **JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE** (*Girls - Ages 13-15 - Westbank*)

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

All Star Practice starts ----- June 25

Westbank Championship -----July 7

1:11 **JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELING LEAGUE** (*Girls - Ages 13-15 - Westbank*)

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

1:12 **SENIOR INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE** (*Girls - Ages 16-17 – Westbank only*)

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

All-star practice starts ----- June 25

Westbank Championship -----July 7

1:13 **NATIONAL TRAVEL LEAGUE (Ages 13-17)(Eastbank only)**

Practice starts no earlier than end of LHSAA Senior High Softball program or **April 4, 2016.**

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New and Proposed Rules

Rule Changes for 2016

Proposed Rule Changes for 2017

None

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Mandatory Insurance Program

All participants in Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation programs must enroll in the Participant Insurance program. Coaches are eligible for the same plan and may voluntarily enroll. The Participant Insurance program consists of the following:

Accident Insurance Plan

Maximum of \$15,000 coverage for all injuries arising out of participation by registrants in the activity sponsored and directly supervised by JPRD. The plan is a secondary insurance and will pay deductibles and other expenses after the primary insurance has exhausted their benefits. If there is no plan, it will pay the same as a primary.

Liability Plan

Offers \$1,000,000 coverage protecting the enrolled individuals, coaches and team arising out of bodily injury, property damage and litigation costs to defend such claims. There is a \$500 deductible per claim. The period covering this plan is **April 1, 2016** through **April 1, 2017**. It is strongly recommended that all coaches enroll in this insurance policy.

Coverage includes suits arising out of:

Injury/death of participant

Incidental medical practice

Non-owned auto coverage (association liability only)

Host liquor liability (non-profit)
Ownership use or maintenance of fields
Consumption use of food and drink
Libel, defamation, false arrest, wrongful eviction or invasion of privacy
Injury/death of adult volunteers
All activities necessary or incidental to conduct of practices and games
Spectator injury
Cost of investigation and defense of claims, even if groundless
Property damage liability

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Eligibility

The competitive balance of our programs is maintained by strict adherence to the following eligibility criteria. Coaches and supervisory personnel must make every effort to assure that players and their parents are aware and are in compliance with these criteria. Failure to do so may result in innocent teammates being exposed to games lost due to forfeiture.

4:01 **RESIDENCY**

- 4:01:01 All participants must reside in Jefferson Parish or boundaries deemed legal by JPRD.
- 4:01:02 Participants legal residence must be recorded on the official JPRD registration form and the valid JPRD I.D. card.
- 4:01:03 Some playground districts share geographical area, and in accordance with this, the initial or original selection by the participant of a playground for participation in the youth athletic programs will become their designated or proper playground.
- 4:01:04 **WAIVERS** - Participants are allowed to participate outside of their playground district or change participation eligibility at playgrounds within a neutral zone with an approved JPRD waiver form. A player who moves to another district during regular season will be allowed to finish the season, to include playoffs, at his/her original playground.

4:02 **DUAL PARTICIPATION**

- 4:02:01 Participants may not simultaneously play JPRD and LHSAA Senior High school varsity or junior varsity sports programs. Church leagues and CYO players will be allowed to play if they meet all other requirements.
- 4:02:02 Dual participation is allowed in intramural or local league play. However, JPRD provides separate programs for boys and girls. We do not allow children to dual participate in both baseball & softball. Anyone dual participating must play all-stars in the correct age group provided their playground has an All-Star team in that age group. If not, the child will be allowed to play All-Stars in the older age group.
- 4:02:03 Participants may not simultaneously participate at two JPRD playgrounds (i.e., play 10-year-old softball at both Harahan and Little Farms on the Eastbank or Harvey and Oakdale on the Westbank). Participants who violate this rule will be required to return immediately to their home playground and will be declared ineligible for post-season All-Star play.

4:03 **ENFORCEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR RESIDENCY AND DUAL PARTICIPATION:**

- 4:03:01 Verified violators, identified by means of protest as outlined in these regulations, or any other means of identification, will result in immediate expulsion from the softball program.
- 4:03:02 Additionally, violators are subject to suspension for one calendar year plus one sport of the youth athletic program administered by JPRD.
- 4:03:03 Any challenges of the eligibility credentials of a participant will be fully investigated by JPRD prior to assessment of penalties. Participants will be required to produce certified affidavits with backup documentation to support their eligibility status.

4:04 **AGE PARTICIPATION**

- 4:04:01 Participants must play in their correct age classification as specified within these rules and regulations.
- 4:04:02 Age determining dates are as follows:
Girls All leagues ages 7–18..... **January 1, 2016**
Girls league age **5-6 T-Ball**..... **May 1, 2016**
- 4:04:03 Participants correct age and birth date must be recorded on the JPRD registration form and the valid JPRD I.D. card.
- 4:04:04 Participants in intramurals will be allowed to move up only one (1) age classification, however only the older age participant can move up. (See rule 10:03:01 and 10:03:02)
- 4:04:05 In franchise leagues, a 10 year old may move up to play in the Bank Wide Babe Ruth League, but will not be required to dual participate. A 12 year old may not move up to the 13-14 League.

4:05 **ENFORCEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR AGE PARTICIPATION**

- 4:05:01 Verification of a violator(s) (identified by protest or other means) of the age classification requirements of JPRD leagues or tournaments will result in immediate expulsion from the softball program. The protested game will be a forfeit for the offending team (tournament or league play) and other games may be forfeited or further sanctions imposed pending a JPRD review of infractions.
- 4:05:02 Violators of the age classification requirement are subject to suspension for one calendar year plus one sport of the youth athletic program administered by JPRD.

4:06 **REGISTRATION FORM and INSURANCE FEE** - It is mandatory that all players, upon registering, submit an official signed registration form and pay the insurance fee.

- 4:06:01 Players cannot choose the class in which they will play.
- 4:06:02 It is the responsibility of the Supervisor to see that these procedures regarding registration are followed.
- 4:06:03 No player is to participate in practice and/or games until the registration form and insurance fee has been received by the Center Supervisor. The Center Supervisor must submit these forms and fees to the respective Main Office, prior to the deadline established for rosters.
- 4:07 **I.D. CARDS** - All players competing in Parish championship play and inter-playground leagues must have a valid JPRD I.D. card. **GREEN and BLUE will be the acceptable I.D. colors for the 2016 season.**

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Supervisors/ Coaches Responsibility

- 5:01 Managers and coaches must agree to allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to conduct a background check. This check may include sex offender registries maintained by the Louisiana State Police and child abuse and criminal history records. The appointment of a volunteer is conditional upon receiving no inappropriate information on the background check.
- 5:02 Coaches must acknowledge receipt of the rules by submitting a signed Coaches Agreement form that can be found at the back of this booklet.
- 5:03 Supervisors and coaches are responsible for knowing all the rules and regulations and abiding by them.
- 5:04 NO PROFANITY will be used at any time. All coaches are expected to set an example to their teams in behavior and sportsmanship.
- 5:05 Ridicule or “razz” by coaches or members of his team about officials, the other team, or otherwise, will not be tolerated. Also, players and/or coaches cannot display or post intimidating signs, i.e., K’s, etc.
- 5:06 [*For inter-playground only – not intramural!*] No coach in JPRD programs will be allowed to officiate in any game that is in the same age group or class as his team.
- 5:07 Any playground intramural team that *leaves the playground* must have the approval of its Center Supervisor and the Area Coordinator of Athletics
- 5:08 Any playground All Star team that travels *outside Jefferson Parish* must have the approval of its Center Supervisor and the Area Coordinator of Athletics. JPRD Policy Manual should be consulted for information involving the individual age groups.
- 5:09 Intramural and All-Star teams for ages 10 and under may NOT travel outside the metro area (Jefferson, Orleans, St. Charles, Plaquemines, St. Tammany, and St. Bernard parishes). Teams, ages 8 and under, may only travel to JPRD Community Centers.

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Clinics

- 6:01 Request for approval for any type of sports clinic for participants, instruction session(s), etc. conducted prior to April 4 or after June 1, must be submitted in writing to the Area Coordinator of Athletics five (5) days in advance of said clinic.
- 6:02 All clinics must conform to the following criteria:
 - 6:02:01 All league members must be given a chance to attend.
 - 6:02:02 No select group may be called out.
 - 6:02:03 No team practice or team concepts will be allowed.

- 6:02:04 All clinics must be sponsored by JPRD and or the Booster club.
- 6:03 Any clinic conducted without meeting the above criteria, will be considered All-Star tryouts or practice and the following penalties will be applied to the violating coaches, players and/or supervisor:
- 6:03:01 Removal of coach(es), player(s), etc.
- 6:03:02 Team may be removed.

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Batting Cage Safety – Outdoor Use Only

THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR BATTING CAGE SAFETY MUST BE ENFORCED:

- 7:01 Indoor batting cages are not allowed in Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation gymnasiums.
- 7:02 Cages/nets are not to be used unless appropriate supervision is available. An adult coach or responsible adult must be in attendance.
- 7:03 There will be no horseplay in or around cages.
- 7:04 Batting practice in cages must be taken when there is sufficient light.
- 7:05 All batting cages/nets must have an appropriate softball (square with pitcher's cut-out) protective pitcher's screen. This must be properly positioned, and pitchers and machine feeders must be behind the portion of the screen.
- 7:06 When the batting cage is in use, all openings must be closed.
- 7:07 For net batting cages: All persons must be kept five (5') feet away from the net while cage is in use.
- 7:08 When the batting cage is in use, all safety precautions normally required for batting will be in effect to include the requirement for the helmets, regardless of whether a pitching machine, or pitcher is used. If a catcher is used, he/she must wear full catcher's gear.
- 7:09 Shoes must be worn while using the batting cage.
- 7:10 When batting practice is conducted, only the following are allowed inside the cage:
- Batter
 - Pitcher or pitching machine operator
 - Live pitcher (may have a backup or feeder)
 - Catcher (optional)
- All others must be kept out of the cages.*
- 7:11 Pitching machine must not be used when the ground is wet.
- 7:12 Do not use vinyl-coated softballs in the machine. The vinyl will transfer to the tire, causing extreme buildup.
- 7:13 Speed of the pitching machine must be set for the appropriate age group and ability level. Speeds higher than necessary for age group and ability levels are strictly prohibited.
- 7:14 No one under the age of twelve (12) will be allowed to feed balls into a pitching machine. Anyone under the age of eighteen (18) must wear a helmet with a facemask when feeding balls into a pitching machine or while serving as a backup or feeder for a live pitcher.

- 7:15 The pitching machine operator must signal the batter when the ball will be delivered. Let the player know when you are ready to feed the ball so he does not walk across the plate or is off-guard.
- 7:16 After all balls have been fed to the machine, turn the machine OFF before picking up balls for the next session of batting practice.
- 7:17 Chain-link cages are to be secured with locks and chains when activities are completed.

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Special Safety Rules & Procedures

- 8:01 JPRD employees, league commissioners and volunteer coaches are to be aware and monitor situations during practices and games when there is an injury that results in blood being present. They must be cognizant that anytime there is blood and body fluids present, it must be treated with respect, regarding its ability to transmit infectious disease. Under circumstances in which differentiation between body fluid types is difficult or impossible, all body fluids are considered potentially infectious.
- 8:02 Before being allowed to compete, all athletes must cover wounds on their body. Practice or competitive play must be stopped and any injured player must be immediately attended to.
- 8:03 In case of injury or sickness involving blood or bodily fluids, the following procedures must be followed:
 - 8:03:01 If at all possible, injured person must render first aid to themselves and cover their own wound.
 - 8:03:02 When rendering first aid, protective gloves must be worn when it is anticipated blood or bodily fluids are involved. Clean gloves must be worn for each individual treated. Do not wear the same gloves for multiple injured parties.
 - 8:03:03 An individual, who has treated an injury where blood is present or has cleaned a potentially contaminated surface, should wash their hands with soap and hot water, whether or not protective gloves have been worn.
- 8:04 Reserved
- 8:05 Good hygiene must be practiced. Towels, uniforms, cups and water bottles must not be shared.
- 8:06 No intramural or all-star softball team may participate in more than three (3) games in one (1) day in league, invitational tournament or all-star play.
Exception: Rule may be waived with prior approval of the Area Coordinator of Athletics if a 4th game, if necessary game is needed on the last day of said tournament.

Emergencies:

- 8:07 In case of injury, coaches must be prepared to seek immediate medical attention. The location of the telephone, particularly at their playground, must be located in advance.
- 8:08 Reserved
- 8:09 All injuries, regardless of severity and site of injury, must be reported to the Center Supervisor. This information must be accurate and reported in a timely manner.

- 8:10 Coaches must have phone numbers of their players available to contact parents in emergency situations. Copies of the registration forms are provided at the start of the season for this purpose. Registration forms have home phone numbers as well as an alternate emergency number. Parent must be immediately advised of all injuries.
- 8:11 Each JPRD playground has first aid supplies located in a designated area. Coaches must know where these supplies are located at their playground.

General:

Softball practices and games can be very dangerous, considering the balls are thrown and hit very hard. A thrown or batted ball striking an individual is painful and can inflict serious bodily harm.

- 8:12 Any player that suffers a significant blow to the head either by a pitched or batted ball which causes the player to be removed from the game must be checked by medical personnel. The parent(s) of the injured player must be notified of this injury and must arrange proper medical evaluation.

NOTE: This rule is a precaution. It is intended to notify a parent that a player has been injured and they are recommended to arrange proper medical evaluation. This rule is not a cause for a protest or a way to have a player ruled ineligible by an opposing coach or team.

When a child is removed from a game as a result of getting hit by a ball, we want the playground personnel to notify the parent(s) and recommend that they seek medical evaluation.

- 8:13 Warming up, such as playing pitch and catch, pepper, etc. must be done in a safe area, where errant throws will not hit the players or spectators. Be conscious of areas where parents and children traverse, and do not allow players to engage in softball activities in these areas.
- 8:14 Conduct batting practice in a playing area where there is a sufficient backstop. Use of this area will allow batted balls to be hit safely, without the risk of hitting players and spectators. This will also reduce damage to property.
- 8:15 Report all dangerous playing conditions to supervisory staff. (i.e., poor turf conditions, unsafe fencing, etc.)
- 8:16 In the 9 – 18 age groups, an offensive player must wear a helmet with an approved facemask.
 - 8:16:01 Offensive players are: batboys, on-deck batters, batters, base runners or player base coaches.
 - 8:16:02 An approved face guard is a permanent part of the helmet. The facial protection device must provide full coverage to the eyes, nose, mouth and teeth, jaws, cheekbones, forehead and temple areas.
 - 8:16:03 Any franchise programs that require helmets with face guards will also follow the franchise rule in this regard. (i.e., Babe Ruth Softball)

NOTE: 5, 6, 7, and 8's are NOT required to wear facemasks attached to the helmets when playing in their separate leagues.
- 8:17 All batting helmets must be in good condition and not have any evidence of cracks. It is the responsibility of coaches, commissioners and supervisory staff to assure that no player bats in practice or games or participates with a helmet that has cracks, missing padding or is in any other state of disrepair.
- 8:18 Center Supervisors must inform their coaches and league directors to be aware of the potential danger of the weighted "donuts" that slip over bats. If the "donut" is too large for the bat, it could slip off and strike an unsuspecting player, coach or spectator.
- 8:19 Assure all assigned equipment is the correct size and age group appropriate and is not defective or broken. All equipment must be used for its intended purpose.
- 8:20 Person actually catching must wear full catcher's gear during batting practice and games.

- 8:21 Coaches **must never** catch batting practice without equipment. A coach can be seriously injured catching without equipment. Do not attempt to put on catcher's gear assigned to your team. You will stretch it and risk damaging this equipment.
- 8:22 Do not conduct practice sessions if unsafe conditions exist. If bleachers, fencing, etc. are on the playing field area, make arrangements with JPRD supervisors to have them moved prior to practicing.
- 8:23 Coaches must spend adequate practice time instructing players in the proper fundamentals of sliding. These sessions will be conducted only in grassy areas. Sliding practice must never be practiced at the home plate area of a ball field.
- 8:24 During pre-game infield and/or outfield practice, have the team conscious of overthrown balls. Players not involved in practice must be in the dugout. Any players needing to warm-up must be placed in an area of low incidents of overthrows and protected by another player. Pitchers must warm up in designated bullpen.
- 8:25 Coaches must not drill players to the point of exhaustion. Running laps must not be used as a disciplinary measure.
- 8:26 It is the responsibility of the coach to see that all male catchers are wearing a protective cup at games and practices. If a catcher does not have a cup, a chest protector with a tail must be used.
- 8:27 In the case of lightning, the coach should stop/cancel practice and move all players to a safe location.
- 8:28 All "on-deck" batters must wear a batting helmet and be located directly behind the batter's back (i.e., a right-handed batter is at the plate, the on deck batter must be on the 3rd base side). Only one person allowed on deck; the "in-hole" batter must be in the dugout.
- 8:29 All catchers 12 & under (boys and girls leagues) must wear a throat protector, catcher's mask and a helmet.
- 8:30 **All catchers (girls leagues) wearing a hockey-style mask or catcher's mask with a throat extension are not required to wear a throat protector.**
- 8:31 Home plate umpires must wear a facemask in all games played on a JPRD facility.
- 8:32 *Soft Touch* (pop out) and Hollywood bases are NOT allowed. Rogers BreakAway and Throw-Down bases are the only bases allowed at all JPRD playgrounds.

Please note the following safety information on the Rogers BreakAway base system:

- 8:32:01 There are three different types of base tops in which to choose. They can dislodge when excessive pressure is applied.
- Youth bases are for males (up to 12 years) and females (up to 16 years).
 - Teen bases are for males (ages 12 – 16) and females (ages 16 – 21).
 - Adult bases are for males (16 years and up) and females (21 years and up).
- The base-top model is identifiably marked and named in the recess stripe on the top of the base top. Be certain the proper base top is in use. All other components of the BreakAway base system are the same for all categories.
- 8:32:02 Hard slides can cause partial deformation and separation of the base top, causing dirt to lodge between the base top and the plate. Coaches should alert umpires to properly remove any dirt and replace the base top by stepping on all four (4) corners of the base top.
- 8:32:03 Make certain the base components have been properly installed prior to the start of each game.
- 8:32:04 If the base tip should become dislodged from the base plate during live play; the base plate becomes the actual base for the rendering of the umpire's decision. The base runner must make and/or maintain contact with the base plate, not the base top.

- 8:33 Any player warming up a pitcher must wear a facemask, including between innings, bullpen and practice sessions.
- 8:34 Any runner is out when he/she does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.
- 8:35 **NO BOWLING OVER RULE:**
Bowling over is defined as a deliberate attempt to dislodge the ball by lowering the shoulder or throwing forearms into a player. This is a judgment call by the umpire and if he considers the action flagrant, the player may be ejected but will not be required to sit out the next game.
- 8:36 The following programs will be required to use the R.I.F. (Reduced Injury Factor – Level 10) ball for this softball season for practice sessions and league games
- Note: Ages 11 and up will use JPRD approved Core 47 12 inch softball.
Ages 9 and 10 will use JPRD approved Core 47 11 inch softball.
- 8:37 The effectiveness of chest protectors for batters and fielders has not been determined and are not recommended. Players wanting to wear a chest protector while at bat or in the field will be allowed to do so in accordance with Jefferson Parish Department of Parks and Recreation Rules.
- 8:38 Coaches must teach their batters proper ball avoidance techniques:
- 8:38:01 No batter will be required to intentionally allow a pitched ball to hit them for purposes of getting a free base.
- 8:38:02 Batters must be taught to turn their face and shoulders back and away from an inside or tight pitch. Do not turn and square the shoulders to an inside or tight pitch. It will expose the face and chest to the pitched ball.
- 8:39 In the 5 – 12 age grouping a base runner will automatically be called (out) when they attempt a headfirst slide. This shall apply only to a runner attempting to advance to the next base. It does not apply to a dive while returning back to a base. It is highly recommended that any player ages 13-18 who chooses to wear a batting helmet with an attached face mask NOT attempt a head first slide.
- 8:40 The following rule will be in effect for all JPRD Leagues, intramural and inter-playground:
No player wearing a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass when worn on the hand, wrist, forearm or elbow shall be allowed to participate unless the substance is covered by a minimum ½ inch thick, high-density closed-cell polyurethane or a similar material of the same thickness to protect injury. Written permission by a licensed medical physician, the player's parent or guardian written permission and league approval must also be obtained.
- 8:41 If a pitcher hits three (3) consecutive batters in an inning the coach must remove the pitcher from the mound. If the league or tournament rules allow the pitcher to return to the mound, she may do so in another inning
- 8:42 If a pitcher throws three(3) consecutive 'no pitches' (due to form rules violations) he/she will be removed from the mound for the remainder of that inning.
- 8:43 In the 5-12 age grouping, in the judgment of the Home Plate umpire, if a batter wiggles the bat in an extreme manner in which, in the umpire's opinion, the batter is intentionally attempting to distract the pitcher's delivery of the pitch to the batter, this action shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct and not permitted. The umpire shall call a no pitch and meet with the batter and manager to give a team warning upon its first occurrence. Upon a second occurrence by the same team, the team manager shall be cited for unsportsmanlike conduct and removed from that game only.
- 8:44 In the 5-12 age grouping the fake bunt/hit away tactic will not be allowed. Once a batter squares away to bunt he may:
1. Pull the bat back and allow the pitch to reach the catcher

2. Attempt to bunt the ball

The batter may not swing at the pitch after setting-up in the bunt position and drawing a fielder dangerously close to the batter's box. The umpire shall call no pitch and meet with the batter and manager to give a team warning upon its first occurrence. Upon a second occurrence by the same team, the team manager shall be cited for unsportsmanlike conduct and removed from that game only.

Section

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Age Classifications

GIRLS SOFTBALL

9:01 JPRD Softball Tots *(Recommended ages 5-6)* T-Ball

The following **MANDATORY** rules must be followed when 5-year-olds are in a league;

- 9:01:01 No 5- year-old may be placed in a league with any players with a league age of 8 or older. No 6-year old may be placed in a league with any players with a league age of 9 or older.
- 9:01:02 No 5 or 6-year-old may play in a league that uses regulation softballs. League must be conducted with the following types of balls:
- Whiffle ball
 - Tuff Lite
 - Incrediball
 - R.I.F. (Reduced Injury Factor) Level 1
- 9:01:03 No 5 & 6-year-old may play in a league with live pitching by another player. Only coaches, umpires, or machines may pitch. Batter may also hit the ball off a "T" in lieu of a pitcher.
- 9:01:04 Players should not be allowed to play the position of catcher.
- 9:01:05 If the pitcher is someone or a machine, the pitching position must be fielded by a player from that team.
- 9:01:06 All eligible players should play in half of each game.
- 9:01:07 All players should be put in the team's batting order and bat full-cycle. Players not playing defensively would be allowed to bat.
- 9:01:08 Create as many defensive positions as possible to allow a maximum number to play.
- 9:01:09 JPRD reserves the right to alter the local league rules in cases where poor participation at a playground does not allow the Center Supervisor the opportunity to conduct a viable intramural program. The Area Coordinator of Athletics can grant permission to travel from the playground for this purpose only.
- 9:01:10 This league must play a minimum of twelve (12) games.
- 9:01:11 Jamborees:

- A. Tot Intramural teams may travel to another JPRD playground to participate in Jamborees.
- B. Jamborees cannot have teams play for a championship.
- C. Area Coordinator of Athletics must approve playing rules for Jamborees.
- D. ALL-STAR TEAMS CANNOT BE PICKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A JAMBOREE.

9:02 JPRD Softball (*Recommended ages 7-8*)

- 9:02:01 Local league play will be conducted under the rules of Dixie Softball, Inc. on the Westbank.
- 9:02:02 All league rules will be the same as for girls Tot League.
- 9:02:03 Jamborees:
 - A. Tot Intramural teams may travel to another JPRD playground to participate in Jamborees
 - B. Jamborees cannot have teams play for a championship
 - C. Area Coordinator of Athletics must approve playing rules for Jamborees
 - D. ALL-STAR TEAMS CANNOT BE PICKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A JAMBOREE
- 9:02:04 In a separate 7 and 8 league the use of a regular softball will not be allowed. The Following balls are recommended:
 - Easton Softstitch Safety Ball, 11 inch
 - Easton Softstitch Safety Ball, 12 inch

*Regular or Leather Covered

9:03 JPRD Softball Angels (*Recommended ages 9-10*)

- 9:03:01 Local league play will be conducted under the rules of Dixie Softball, Inc. on the Westbank.
- 9:03:02 One (1) All-Star team is allowed from each playground.
- 9:03:03 The official ball will be a JPRD approved Core 47 11" softball.
- 9:03:04 Championship tournament play will be conducted on the Eastbank or Westbank level.
- 9:03:05 No Parish championship in this age group.

9:04 JPRD Softball Babe Ruth (*Recommended ages 11-12*) (*Note: Babe Ruth Travel players ineligible*)

- 9:04:01 Local league play will be conducted under the rules of Babe Ruth Softball, Inc..
- 9:04:02 One (1) All-Star team is allowed from each playground.
- 9:04:03 The official ball will be a 12" JPRD approved core 47 softball.
- 9:04:04 Championship tournament play will be conducted on the Eastbank or Westbank level.
- 9:04:05 No Parish championship in this age group.

WESTBANK TEEN GIRLS LEAGUES:

NOTE: Center Supervisors should inform youngsters who are cut from the following teams and wish to participate at another playground that they must first contact the Area Coordinator of Athletics. The Area Coordinator, or his representative, will select based upon need, the playground team where the youngster will be assigned.

9:05 Babe Ruth Travel League (Girls Ages 11-12)

- 9:05:01 A maximum of ten (10) teams will be allowed in this league.
- 9:05:02 League play will be conducted under the rules of Babe Ruth, Inc.
- 9:05:03 All eligible girls must tryout for the Babe Ruth program. All girls not making these teams are eligible for intramurals. If they choose, however, to play Babe Ruth at another playground, they must be assigned to a playground by the Area Coordinator. Girls in Babe Ruth Travel league are not eligible to play intramural.
- 9:05:04 All All-Star teams will be picked from this league to represent JPRD in Babe Ruth Softball play.

9:06 Babe Ruth (Ages 13-14)

- 9:06:01 A maximum of ten (10) teams will be allowed.
- 9:06:02 League play will be conducted under the rules of Babe Ruth, Inc.
- 9:06:03 League will be composed of one division, one on the Westbank and one on the Eastbank. All-Star teams will be picked from this division to represent JPRD in Dixie Softball play.
- 9:06:04 All eligible girls must tryout for the Babe Ruth programs. All girls not making these teams are eligible for the International Leagues. If they choose, however, to play Babe Ruth at another playground, they must be assigned to a playground by the Area Coordinator of Athletics.

9:07 Babe Ruth (Ages 15-18)

- 9:07:01 A maximum of ten (10) teams will be allowed.
- 9:07:02 League play will be conducted under the rules of Babe Ruth, Inc.
- 9:07:03 League will be composed of one division, one on the Westbank and one on the Eastbank. All-Star teams will be picked from this division to represent JPRD in Babe Ruth Softball play.
- 9:07:04 All eligible girls must tryout for the Babe Ruth programs. All girls not making these teams are eligible for the International.

9:08 Junior International/Traveling International Leagues

(Ages 13-15 - Westbank only) [NOTE: Babe Ruth players are not eligible.]

- 9:08:01 League will be comprised of players unable to make Babe Ruth.
- 9:08:02 Playgrounds must have Babe Ruth team to field a team in this league. The Area Coordinator of Athletics can make an exception to this rule if there are any mitigating circumstances.
- 9:08:03 Championship will be determined to the Westbank level only.
- 9:08:04 Each playground may enter one team. If room is available, a second team will be allowed. Playgrounds with 3 or more teams are required to conduct their own intramural league.

9:09 Senior National League *(Ages 16-17- Westbank only)*

[NOTE: Babe Ruth players are not eligible.]

- 9:09:01 League will be comprised of players unable to make Babe Ruth.
- 9:09:02 Playgrounds must have a Babe Ruth team to field a team in this league. The Area Coordinator of Athletics can make an exception to this rule if there are any mitigating circumstances.
- 9:09:03 Championship will be determined to the Westbank level only.
- 9:09:04 Each playground may enter one team in the Junior and Senior International programs. If room is available, a second team will be allowed. Playgrounds with 3 or more teams are required to conduct their own intramural league.

9:10 National Traveling League *(Ages 13-17)(Eastbank only)*

[NOTE: For NATIONAL LEAGUE – Babe Ruth League players are not eligible.]

- 9:10:01 League will be comprised of players unable to make a Babe Ruth team. Varsity High School players are not eligible for this league.
- 9:10:02 Playgrounds must have a Babe Ruth team to field a team in this league. The Area Coordinator of Athletics can make an exception to this rule if there are any mitigating circumstances.
- 9:10:03 Championship will be determined to the Eastbank level only..
- 9:10:04 Each playground may enter one team in the National Traveling league. Playgrounds with three (3) or more teams are required to conduct their own intramural league.

9:11 International League *(Ages 13-17) (Westbank only)*

[NOTE: Babe Ruth players are not eligible.]

- 9:11:01 League will be comprised of players unable to make Babe Ruth.
- 9:11:02 Playgrounds must have a Babe Ruth team to be in this league. The Area Coordinator of Athletics can make an exception to this rule if there are any mitigating circumstances.
- 9:11:03 This is an intramural/inter-playground league.
- 9:11:04 Championships will be determined to the Westbank level only. A 13-15 double elimination tournament and a 16-17 double elimination tournament will be held.

Intramural Rules

- 10:01 All supervisors should take extra precautions to balance the talent in their leagues.
- 10:01:01 It is recommended that teams be made with a maximum of 15 players to allow coaches the opportunity to play all players.
- 10:01:02 Supervisors are to use their own judgment in placing over age players in lower age classifications because of a player's ability, however, all players so changed will be ineligible for competition in the post-season All-Star tournaments in any division.

10:02 DUAL PARTICIPATION

- 10:02:01 Dual participation is allowed in intramural or local league play. However, JPRD provides separate programs for boys and girls. We do not allow children to dual participate in both baseball & softball. Anyone dual participating must play all-stars in the correct age group provided their playground has an All-Star team in that age group. If not, the child will be allowed to play All-Stars in the older age group.
- 10:02:02 Participants may not simultaneously participate at two JPRD playgrounds (i.e., play 10-year-old softball at both Harahan and Little Farms on the Eastbank or Terrytown and Oakdale on the Westbank). Participants who violate this rule will be required to return immediately to their home playground and will be declared ineligible for post-season All-Star play.
- 10:02:03 Children who dual participate in the same sport will be required to pay only one (1) insurance fee.

10:03 Participants and Moving Up (1) One Age Classification

- 10:03:01 Participants in Intramurals will be allowed to move up only one (1) age classification. However, only the older age participant can move up.
- Exception: No 12 year old may move up to 13-17 leagues.**
- The Center Supervisors will have the final decision to invite participants to move up for the betterment of the program.
- 10:03:02 If a child plays in an older age group but does not dual participate, he/she may not play All-Stars in the older age group unless an All-Star team is not offered in his/her proper age group or franchise rules dictate otherwise.
- 10:04 Minimum participation required for intramural leagues:
- All leagues must use one of the following options . . .
- 10:04:01 Bat entire roster throughout game – each player required to play one (1) defensive inning.
- 10:04:02 Each player is required to play two (2) complete innings (12 consecutive outs). All substitutes must enter by start of the top of the 3rd inning.
- 10:04:03 All starters must play first three (3) innings. Substitutes for this game must start next played game.
- 10:05 Team must have a non-player coach (adult preferred).

- 10:06 All playground non franchised intramural softball leagues must adhere to the following in regard to league pitching rules [Note: the rules below are maximums that cannot be exceeded. Center Supervisors may establish their own league rules, which further reduce the number of innings pitched.]
- 10:06:01 Pitchers cannot pitch more than the following in any one game.
 - 10 and under..... 6 innings
 - 12 and under 7 innings
 - 14 and under..... 8 innings
 - 10:06:02 Pitchers may pitch the total innings considered a complete game in any two (2) consecutive scheduled games.

Example: In a scheduled six (6) inning game, pitcher #1 throws in 4 innings. This pitcher would be available for two (2) innings in the team’s next scheduled game.
 - 10:06:03 In the event of a tied game, a starting pitcher throwing a complete game may throw one additional inning (if they have innings available for that calendar week).
- 10:07 All playground regular season league games, boys & girls, should be scheduled with the following minimum game time limits (longer time limits may be used):
- 8 and under.....1:00
 - 10 and under.....1:15
 - 12 and under.....1:30
 - 13-18.....1:30
- 10:08 Leagues may adopt speed-up rules.

Section
11

General Playing Rules *(Tournament, Inter-Playground and Intramural)*

- 11:01 Girls age groups must not wear shoes with cleats (molded or screw-on) that contain any metal materials.
- 11:02 Artificial noisemakers are prohibited from all tournaments conducted at JPRD facilities.
- 11:03 The following curfews will be in effect for all games in the JPRD program.
 - 11:03:01 No game may begin after 9:30 p.m.
 - 11:03:02 No new inning may begin after 11:30 p.m.
 - 11:03:03 This rule may be waived by one of the respective Area Coordinators of Athletics for a franchised or non-franchised tournament when a need arises.

- 11:04 There will be a fifteen-minute (15) grace period after the official starting time of a game.
- 11:04:01 A team or teams failing to field the prescribed amount of players after the 15-minute grace period has expired will forfeit the game.
- 11:04:02 This rule will be in effect for the first game of the series on that date, succeeding games will start at their scheduled times or immediately following the preceding game.
- 11:05 In forfeited games, all players, from both teams that have come to play, must be listed on the score sheet that is submitted to the administrative office (Center Supervisor).
- [Note: The purpose of this rule is for verification in fulfillment of individual requirements in league games played.]
- 11:06 Any coach ejected from a game/event must leave the premises before play can be resumed and that coach is not allowed on the premises for the remainder of that calendar date. That coach will also not be allowed anywhere on the premises while his/her team is playing its next scheduled game. Any player ejected from a game must sit out the remainder of that game and cannot participate in his/her team's next scheduled game.
- 11:06:01 The ejected coach may not attend the suspended game. (I.e., He/she cannot sit in the ballpark or remain on the facility.) If an ejected coach returns to the facility after the game and confronts a game official, he shall be subjected to further disciplinary action.
- 11:06:02 This rule will be in effect for non-franchised tournament play as well as JPRD franchised tournaments that involve only JPRD teams, Eastbank or Westbank
- 11:06:03 Any coach ejected in his/her last played game of the season can be subjected to disciplinary action by the Area Coordinator of Athletics.
- 11:07 All leagues will be scheduled up to one (1) playing date before All-Star practice. All 10 and under leagues, to include 5 through 8, must be scheduled up to (1) playing date to June 25.
- 11:08 [Valid only in inter-playground leagues.] Only protests on eligibility and validity of I.D. will be allowed, and then only when submitted by a Center Supervisor or Assistant Center Supervisor, in writing, to the Area Coordinator of Athletics within the following time frames:
- 24 hours after the game has been played.
 - In the case of holidays or weekends, on the next regular Administration office working day.
 - In tournament play, before the next played game.
 - See page 18, rule 4:03:03 for documentation requirements
- 11:09 Parish All-Star coaches, for teams representing JPRD, must be selected or approved by the Area Coordinator.
- 11:10 There will be no changes on the regular game schedule except for extreme emergencies or weather conditions. However, in the last week of play, in order to complete the program, the Area Coordinator of Athletics may change game times and sites.
- 11:11 Games postponed for weather conditions (rain or lightning) will be resumed at a later date from the point at which it was suspended, unless otherwise stated in franchise rules.

Section
12

All-Star Tournament Rules *(Inter-playground)*

All JPRD organizational rules and all JPRD intramural league rules must be followed in order to be eligible for tournament play.

JPRD will conduct elimination tournaments to determine a champion and/or franchise District winner in all age groupings for the boys and girls. There will be no Parish Champion in any age grouping. The Tot League (5, 6, 7 and 8-year-olds – Boys and girls) will have no tournament or inter-playground play.

12:01 The official team roster will consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) players and a minimum of (10) ten players.

PENALTY: Teams failing to field at least nine (9) players will forfeit.

12:02 Four (4) coaches will be allowed in the dugout for all local league All-Star games.

12:03 Some playgrounds, due to participation problems, may have to group leagues in various age spans (i.e., 10,11 &12-year-old league). If a playground must go to these groupings, they may pick All-Stars, but according to the two age groupings (9-10 and 11-12). Players must still fulfill all other league requirements in order to be eligible.

12:04 Reserved

12:05 To be eligible for post-season All-Star competition, a playground must meet the following criteria:

12:05:01 Must conduct a minimum three- (3) team intramural league.

12:05:02 Must have a minimum of two (2) teams competing in an interlocking schedule with another playground.

12:06 **No All-Star practice may start before dates in *Section 2: Dates to Remember*.** Teams practicing earlier may be subject to forfeiture.

12:07 All players in Jefferson Parish activities will be required to present a valid JPRD I.D. card to be eligible to play in parish-wide competition.

- GREEN & Blue will be valid colors for the 2016 season I.D. cards

12:08 Scoresheets or scorebooks will be required with All-Star rosters at credential meetings. The following information will be required on the scoresheets/scorebooks:

- ◆ Playground name
- ◆ Date of game
- ◆ Full name of player...highlighted
- ◆ Name of team

12:09 In order for a playground and/or individual to be eligible for tournament play; they must have fulfilled the minimum league requirements for amount of league games as prescribed for the individual league. It is the responsibility of the Center Supervisor to adhere to the following minimums:

(Minimum amount of games played)

GROUP:

JPRD Softball Angels (Ages 9-10)

TEAM

12

INDIVIDUAL

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JPRD Softball Babe Ruth (Ages 11-12)	12	6
Junior Internationals (Westbank – Ages 13-15)	12	6
Senior Internationals (Westbank – Ages 16-17)	12	6

- 12:09:01 If a player selected for an All Star team is injured/ill during the intramural/regular season, he/she may still qualify for post season. For JPRD Playground All Star participation, if he/she receives a letter from a physician stating that the injury/illness prevented the child from playing in three of the six required league games/matches to qualify for post season All Star competition, he/she will be allowed to compete.
- 12:09:02 Players (with a physician's statement) that are unable to meet the three game requirement due to injury/illness may apply to the JPRD Director of Recreation for All Star eligibility.
- 12:09:03 In franchised leagues, the franchise's rule for participation will be followed in addition to the JPRD rule.
- 12:10 One (1) timeout will be allowed on offense to talk to a batter during the same time at bat. Requesting a second timeout to talk to the batter during the same time at bat will result in the coach being removed from the coach's box and placed in the dugout for the remainder of the game. [Exception: injury or sickness]
- 12:11 ALL GIRLS' LEAGUES MUST USE OFFICIAL SOFTBALL BATS.
- 12:11:01 Batters hitting a fair ball using an illegal bat will be called out on appeal by opposing team and all runners must return to their original bases.
- 12:11:02 Franchised programs will follow their own rules in regard to bats.
- 12:12 Protest Committee will be composed of three (3) members, one of which is the Tournament Director. Every attempt should be made to make the other two members neutral parties.
[NOTE: Protest Committees are formed in tournament play only.]
- 12:12:01 The ruling of the Protest Committee can be appealed to the Area Coordinator of Athletics. The Area Coordinator, under whose jurisdiction the game is being played, will be the final appeal, except for franchise programs.
- 12:12:02 No protests will be accepted concerning the judgment of an umpire.
- 12:13 The following participation rule for non-franchised tournament play will be in effect for tournament play.
- 12:13:01 Each team should carry thirteen (13) players beginning at each level of tournament play.
- 12:14:02 All thirteen (13) players must bat in rotation throughout the entire game.
- 12:13:03 In cases of injury, illness or player ejection, teams may have a minimum of nine (9) players to start a game. Any team with less than nine (9) players at the start of the game will forfeit.
- 12:13:04 A team that starts the game with nine (9) players and loses one to illness, injury or player ejection will forfeit the game.
- 12:13:05 Penalty for having less than thirteen (13) players:
An automatic out **each** time through the batting rotation will be assessed to the team with fewer players for each player under the maximum thirteen (13) number

EXAMPLE: Team A has 13 players; Team B has 9 players. The coach of Team B will select the "order of outs" in his/her lineup. Thus the batting order for Team B:

- | | | | | |
|----|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1. | 4. | 7. Out | 10. Out | 13. Out |
| 2. | 5. Out | 8. | 11. | |
| 3. | 6. | 9. | 12. | |

- 12:13:06 DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTION: Pitching changes must be recorded. Players may be inserted, change positions and replaced as often as the coach wishes, however, for announcing purposes, it is requested that all defensive changes be given to the official scorer and public address announcer.
- 12:13:07 If both teams have an equal number of players at the start of the game, neither team will be required to take an automatic out.
- 12:13:08 If a player arrives after the game starts and:
- A. His/her team has not completed the batting rotation (#1-13) or taken the automatic outs, he/she must be inserted into an auto out spot in the batting lineup. However, the team with the fewer players will not be required to take an automatic out.
 - B. His/her team has completed the batting rotation or taken their automatic outs, he/she is not required to play. Also, if a player is not inserted into the batting lineup he/she cannot play defense.
- 12:13:09 In the event a player is injured or is ejected during the game, his/her turn at bat will be skipped and no out will be recorded. Also, if the injured or ejected player(s) is unable to play in the succeeding games, his/her absence will not count as an "automatic" out.
- 12:13:10 In the event a player becomes ill during the game, his/her turn at bat will be skipped and no out will be recorded, however, his/her absence in future games will count as an automatic out.
- 12:13:11 If a base runner or batter is injured or a catcher reaches base with two (2) outs, he/she may have a courtesy runner/pinch hitter. The courtesy runner/pinch hitter shall be seven (7) batters removed in the batting rotation. Players not able to run prior to their at bat, should not be sent to the plate to bat and then expect a courtesy runner each time they reach base (safety issue).
- Example 2nd batter/base runner injured 9th batter will pinch run/pinch hit
 9th batter/base runner injured 3rd batter will pinch run/pinch hit
 13th batter/base runner injured 7th batter will pinch run/pinch hit
- 12:14 Coaches are allowed two (2) trips to the mound per inning per pitcher. On the 3rd trip, pitcher must be removed from the mound.
- 12:15 Alternates are prohibited in All-Star tournament play. **Any player who practices with a team must be on the team roster.**

Specific Playing Rules for Tournament Play

13:01 JPRD Softball Angels *(Girls – Ages 9-10)*

The Angel All-Star Tournament will follow the playing rules of *Dixie Softball, Inc.*

13:01:01 A regulation game will consist of six (6) innings.

A. Ten-Run Rule will apply after 4 innings; 3 ½ innings if home team is leading.

B. Two-hour time limit for tournament games.

C. All games will be played until a winner is determined.

13:01:02 A maximum of ten (10) players allowed on the field at any one time.

NOTE: Team will be allowed to begin game with (9) players.

- No more than six (6) defensive players may be in the infield at the point of the ball being released to the batter by the pitcher. The catcher and pitcher will be counted as infielders to satisfy this rule.

- All outfielders must be at least twenty (20') feet behind the base lines.

PENALTY: The offensive team has the privilege of having nullified any portion of the play that occurred on the violation.

13:01:03 INFIELD FLY RULE will be in effect.

13:01:04 PITCHING RULES

A. Pitchers may pitch the total innings considered a complete game in any two (2) consecutive scheduled games

Example: In a scheduled six (6) inning game pitcher #1 throws in four (4) innings. This pitcher would be available for two (2) innings in the teams next scheduled game.

B. Pitcher will be limited to six (6) innings in any one game.

- EXCEPTION: If she is the starting pitcher and the game goes into extra innings, she will be allowed to pitch one extra inning.

NOTE: This rule does not apply if the starting pitcher has been removed from the mound.

C. One pitch in an inning will count as one inning pitched.

D. All intentional walks are automatic. Umpire will award batter 1st base without a pitch being thrown.

E. Any pitcher removed from the mound may return to the mound in the same game only once.

F. An illegal pitch is a “no pitch” in the Angels program.

13:01:05 The eight-foot (8') radius circle will be in effect.

A. The circle shall be measured from the center of the pitcher's plate.

- B. When a base runner is legitimately off her base after a pitch or the result of a batter completing her turn at bat, while the pitcher has the ball in her possession within the 8' radius circle, the base runner must immediately attempt to advance to the next base or immediately return to the base she last occupied.
- C. Failure to immediately proceed to the next base or return to her last occupied base, once the pitcher has possession of the ball within the 8' radius circle, shall result in the base runner being declared "out". [NOTE: The umpire should give the base runner benefit of the natural reactions and reflexes of a human being.]
- D. Once the base runner returns to or proceeds to a base and leaves said base for any reason unless a play is made on her on another base runner, the base runner is out.
- E. For further clarification of rule, see Rule 7:12 in the Dixie Softball Rulebook.

13:01:06 Base Running

- A. Base runner will be allowed to steal 2nd base only when the pitched ball reaches the batter.
- B. Base runner cannot take a lead off of base.
- C. Base runner may leave the base when the ball reaches the batter
- D. If a base runner leaves the base before the ball reaches the batter, the base umpire will indicate a violation at the time it occurs. The defensive team has the privilege of nullifying any portion of the play that occurred on the violation.

13:01:07 Catcher does not have to catch a 3rd strike for a putout, except for a foul tip.

13:01:08 Three (3) outs must be made to end a half inning.

13:01:09 For Eastbank/Westbank tournament championship play the outfield fence shall be no less than 180 feet from home plate.

13:02 JPRD Softball Babe Ruth *(Girls–Ages 11-12)*

The 11-12's will follow the rules of Babe Ruth, Inc. with the following exceptions or clarifications:

13:02:01 A regulation game will consist of six (6) innings.

- A. Ten-Run Rule will apply after 4 innings; 3 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
- B. Two-hour time limit.
- C. All game will be played until a winner is determined.

13:02:02 PITCHING

A. Pitchers may pitch the total innings considered a complete game in any two (2) consecutive scheduled games

Example: In a scheduled six (6) inning game pitcher #1 throws in four (4) innings. This pitcher would be available for two (2) innings in the team's next scheduled game.

B. Pitcher is limited to six (6) innings in any one game, with the exception that she will be allowed to pitch one extra inning in the event she is the starting pitcher and the game goes into extra innings.

[NOTE: This rule does not apply if the starting pitcher has been removed from the mound.]

C. One pitch in an inning will constitute a full inning pitched.

D. Any pitcher removed from the mound may return to the mound in the same game only once.

13:02:03 All intentional walks will be automatic.

13:02:04 The eight-foot (8') radius circle will be in effect.

- A. The circle shall be measured from the center of the pitcher's plate.
- B. When a base runner is legitimately off her base after a pitch or the result of a batter completing her turn at bat, while the pitcher has the ball in her possession within the 8' radius circle, the base runner must immediately attempt to advance to the next base or immediately return to the base she last occupied.
- C. Failure to immediately proceed to the next base or return to her last occupied base, once the pitcher has possession of the ball within the 8' radius circle, shall result in the base runner being declared "out". [NOTE: The umpire should give the base runner benefit of the natural reactions and reflexes of a human being.]
- D. Once the base runner returns to or proceeds to a base and leaves said base for any reason unless a play is made on her on another base runner, the base runner is out.
- E. For further clarification of rule, see Rule 7:12 in the Babe Ruth Softball Rulebook.

Section
14

Pitching and Base Distances

(INTRAMURAL AND INTER-PLAYGROUND TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUE PLAY)

The following chart will be used for pitching and base distance for intramural and inter-playground tournament and league play:

	<u>PITCHING DISTANCE</u>	<u>BASE DISTANCE</u>
9-10 JPRD Angels	35 ft.....	50 ft.
11-12 JPRD Babe Ruth.....	40 ft.....	60 ft.
13-14 Babe Ruth	43 ft.....	60 ft.
15-18 Babe Ruth	43 ft.....	60 ft.
13-15 Junior Internationals.....	43 ft.....	60 ft.
16-18 Senior Internationals	43 ft.....	60 ft.

FOR ALL GIRLS LEAGUES:

There will be a chalked, eight (8') foot radius circle around the pitcher's plate



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