

2017

## Palm Beach County Middle School Activities Association

### ADDITIONAL RULES FOR SOFTBALL (7 INNING GAME)

1. There will be a one hour and thirty minute time limit after which no new inning shall begin. If the home team is ahead and batting as the time limit is expired the game is immediately over and you do not have to continue the inning.
2. Dimensions: Softball bases at 60 feet with the pitching rubber at 40 feet.
3. In the event of rain or darkness, four (4) innings shall constitute a complete game (3 ½ innings if the home team is leading). If the game must be postponed before this time, it MUST be started over from the beginning. If you have played four (4) or more innings and the game is tied, you will use the INTERNATIONAL rules to determine the final score.

Tie breaking procedures will be in effect. If at the end of regulation game or time and the score is tied; we will utilize the Kansas City Tie-Breaker. In this tie-breaker the last official completed batter from the previous inning will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base at the beginning of the tie-breaking inning with no outs. If after a full inning the score is still tied, this will be repeated.

4. The ten (10) run rule is in effect at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning (4 ½ innings if the home Team is leading). The game will end upon the home team scoring the 10<sup>th</sup> run. If fifteen (15) run difference after 3 innings, game is concluded.
5. The softball shall be a NFHS approved ball (yellow optic). Bats must be Those approved for high school/middle school by the FHSAA. Helmets must be NOCSAE approved and must have approved face guards.
6. For an intentional walk, the coach must notify the umpire. The ball is dead and The batter is awarded first base.
7. Courtesy runner for the pitcher/catcher (speed up rule) is in effect at all times. Both coaches do not need to agree prior to the game. Coaches must only decide If they will use the rule for their own team, they cannot prevent the opposing team from utilizing the rule. You are no longer required to use this rule at every possible opportunity. The runner must be an eligible non-player to enter the game.
8. The DP/Flex rule has replaced the designated batter rule.
9. Team huddles are no longer allowed.
10. The fees paid to the umpires shall be: Plate-\$37, Bases-\$32, One Umpire-\$53
11. NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED.
12. 5 RUN LIMIT PER HALF INNING. ASK AT PRE-GAME IF BOTH COACHES AGREE THEN ENFORCE. IF THEY DO NOT AGREE PLAY REGULAR GAME