

ASA Rules for Mites

1.0 The Game

This is a game for nine or more players per team, and a maximum of 15 players, although a game may be played with a minimum of seven players. No adults in the infield except for a coach on the pitching mound. There is no stealing, overthrows, or walks to first. **There is a mandatory infield/outfield player rotation that ensures all players get an equal chance at playing all positions, exception for pitching.** (See section 10).

Distance between adjacent bases is 45 feet

The front line of the pitcher's plate (rubber) to the outside corner of home plate shall be the distance 30 feet.

Field Positions

4.8 Coaches shall remain within the dugout or within the coaches' areas at 1st and 3rd bases at all times.

EQUIPMENT Uniforms

5.1 Uniforms consist of team shirt, pants, and cap issued by Alderwood Softball Association for all league games. Players not in proper uniform are not allowed to play. Coaches will make sure that all players are wearing proper uniforms. Players losing any part of their issued uniform must arrange with their coach to purchase a replacement from Alderwood Softball Association.

5.2 Jerseys shall be individually numbered and worn tucked-in.

5.3 It is also mandatory that each player wear a protective cup/Jill strap during games and practices.

Balls used for games shall be a **10"** softball provided by ASA

A Strike is when:

6.8 The ball is swung at by the batter and is completely missed **or fouled**.

6.9 A pitch goes through the strike zone, as determined by the plate umpire.

6.10 A **Mites** batter is out after 5 pitches.

6.16 there shall be no lead offs. Base runners shall not leave a base until the ball has left the pitcher's hand. *Penalty for lead-off-the base runner is out and the ball is dead.*

GAME RULES

7.1 Regulation Games Mites Squirts to begin at 6:30 p.m. until the end of June. Curfew shall be 8:00 p.m., new innings are not to be started after 7:45 p.m. During the rest of the season, curfew shall be 8:30 p.m., new innings are not to be started after 8:15 p.m.

7.4 Innings played Mites, Squirts games shall be 7 or 6 1/2 half innings in duration if the home team is ahead, unless called due to foul weather in which case the game will be considered completed if a minimum of 3 complete innings have been played. If the game is called in the middle of an inning, the score will be recorded as of the last completed inning. All games that are definitely postponed before 3 innings have been completed shall be recorded as a rainout or incomplete, and may be rescheduled and played as new games.

7.5 Innings played in Mites the inning will be over after 3 outs or 3 runs scored whichever comes first.

7.8 Player Positions Mites Players shall be given equal "field" time (infield/outfield rotation), except in the case of injury, illness or misconduct.

Players shall be "sat-out" in rotation, so that no player shall sit out more than one inning until all players have sat out once. The coach must report sit-outs due to misconduct to the Umpire. (Penalty upon review is possible forfeiture of game).

10.0 PITCHING

10.1 Any player on the team is entitled to pitch and during the course of the season all players should have pitched in a game.

10.2 [Mites] Only 3 pitches by a player followed by 2 pitches by a coach if required

10.5 A pitcher must have both feet touching the pitcher's mound before pitching the ball.

10.6 Illegal pitches will be called and a "ball" is awarded to the batter.

11.11 [Mites] 3 swings without a hit equals an out including foul balls. No hit after 5 pitches equal an out. Only 3 runs or outs per inning.

13.0 COACHES

13.1 All coaches must be declared before the game starts. A maximum of 2 coaches are allowed on the playing field during the game. All other parents must be off the field.

13.2 There shall be no coaches on the playing field or anywhere in the outfield during games. Coaches shall remain within the dugout or within the coaches' areas at 1st and 3rd bases at all times.