

2008 SOPH/ DEB DIVISIONS (AGES 13-18)

Girls must be 12 years old by September 1st of prior year and 18 years old until September 1st of current year.

Soph Division Rules

- 1. Ball–12 inch**
- 2. Base length–60 feet**
- 3. Pitcher mound–40 feet**
- 4. Innings–7 innings–Official game 4½ innings**
- 5. 40 degree weather rule will be enforced. Commissioners will call the games based on weather conditions.**
- 6. During practice or games, players may wear shorts only when wearing a sliding pad.**
- 7. Free substitution & continuous batting order.**
- 8. Base stealing is permitted once the ball leaves the pitcher’s hands. Runners that leave early will be called out by the umpire.**
- 9. Dropped third strike in effect.**
- 10. Pitcher is only allowed to pitch 4 innings a game. The first pitch in an inning and any subsequent inning will count as an inning. Three batters hit in an inning will result in the player being removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game. Four hits (different innings) will result in the player being removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game.**
- 11. Players must play on the field for three full innings. Top and bottom of an inning counts as inning played. A player may not sit out consecutive innings.**
- 12. A team may play with 8 players. If a team does not have nine players, the game will be forfeited; however it will still be played, unofficially.**
- 13. If for any unforeseen reason, after the game begins, a team loses a player, putting the team below the required minimum of players, the game will be finished.**
- 14. 7-run rule is in effect. However, every runner on base after the 7th run scores may score until an out is recorded, or ball is held in the pitcher’s circle. No 7-run limit in the seventh inning.**
- 15. 15-run slaughter rule. Game may be called by the home or visiting team who is trailing by 15 runs or more when entering the 5th inning. The game is then called**

official , however the losing team may choose to continue playing the game, unofficially.

16. Home team will take the 3rd base dugout/Visitor will take 1st base dugout.

17. On deck batter must be next to the 3rd base coach.

18. Extra innings played under international softball rules. The person who made the last out will go to second base and the next batter leads off the inning. The inning is played until seven run rule or three outs.

19. Standings will be kept. Playoffs will take place at the end of the season. Playoff teams will be seeded by win/loss record by President/Division Commissioner. Home team is seeded higher.

20. During the season or playoffs, if a girl may be brought up from the lower division to fill a team (only two girls will be eligible) the girl/s must bat 9th/10th, play the outfield, and may not play in the game if a team already has the required number of players from its team roster. No girl on a team roster will sit to let a girl in the lower division play. The division commissioner must be notified if a girl/s is brought up.

21. Trophies will be given for place and participation at the Awards Picnic in August.

22. Rules interpretation should be addressed to the Division Commissioner or League Board Member.