

# MERRILL



**FASTPITCH**

## 2019 12 & Under Tournament Rules

Standard ASA rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. Age eligibility is based on January 1. Girls turning age 13 before January 1, 2019 are not eligible in this age bracket.
2. A team roster will consist of no more than fifteen players. Once a team begins the first game, no roster changes are allowed.
3. ASA Pitching rules will be allowed.
4. Pitchers can pitch no more than three innings per game. One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes one inning pitched.
5. Infield Fly rule is played.
6. If a team is ahead by 15+ runs after three innings or 10+ runs after four innings are complete, they will be declared the winner (excluding championship and consolation games)
7. Base stealing is allowed, including home. Leave on release.
8. No appeal on a missed base – it is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of the play.
9. No infield or batting practice before games on the playing fields.
10. Everyone on the game roster must be in the batting lineup. 10 players in the field; 10th player must be on outfield grass. Unlimited defensive substitutions. If player gets injured during the game you may skip her spot in the line up without penalty. Once player is skipped she may not reenter the current game.
11. A coin flip will determine the home team. Home team provides the official book and must report the final scores to the home plate umpire. ***Once bracket play begins the home team will be the higher seed, except for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and 1<sup>st</sup> place games will use a coin flip.***
12. Only the manager may discuss a decision with the umpire. All umpires will be treated with respect.
13. No metal spikes are allowed.
14. If a catcher or pitcher is on base, she can be replaced with a courtesy runner (the player who made the last out).
15. Merrill Fastpitch is not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.
16. The tournament officials reserve the right to change the format of the tournament in the event of inclement weather. All decisions by the tournament officials are correct and final.
17. Games will consist of six innings with no inning starting after 75 minutes from the first pitch. An inning starts with the final out of the previous inning. The International Tie Breaking Rule will be implemented for any games that are tied after regulation.
18. Batter can run on a dropped third strike unless first base is occupied with less than 2 outs.
19. To determine seeding for bracket play, the following hierarchy is followed... 1) Win-loss percentage 2) Head to head match-up 3) Lowest runs given up in first 3 innings 4) Runs earned in first 3 innings per inning 5) Coin flip
20. Carry-ins are not allowed. Please utilize our concession stands.
21. Pitching at 40 ft. mound with a 12" ball.
22. Player birth certificate required upon request.
23. Dugouts will be decided by alphabetical order by using 1<sup>st</sup> letter of each teams name with the 1<sup>st</sup> letter getting 1<sup>st</sup> base side **Ex: Wausau vs Merrill, Merrill will be in 1<sup>st</sup> baseside dugout and Wausau will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> baseside** (if 1<sup>st</sup> letter the same use 2<sup>nd</sup> and so on)

