

From the League Director:

Please remind umpires that it's no new inning after 80 minutes. That seems to be an issue every year.

Also, home and away are determined by coin toss for all regular season games.

2018 Bay State Fall Ball Rules

Teams are formed based on player age as of Jan 1st 2019.

All teams must have proof of insurance.

Teams are responsible for ½ the umpire fee and 1 new game ball for each game.

Host towns make the decision on rainouts. The first call goes to the umpire coordinator. All visiting team coaches should then be notified. All make-up games should be re-scheduled between the two opposing coaches. Umpire coordinator must be notified.

The current USA Softball rule book shall be the official rulebook for all contests except as modified in these rules.

Home team will be determined by coin toss.

A continuous batting order will be used with free defensive substitutions.

No new inning after 80 minutes. Umpire shall keep the official clock. Games may end in a tie.

Four run limit per inning with the last inning having no run limit. Last inning must be declared prior to the start of the inning.

No slashing allowed.

A courtesy runner will be allowed for pitchers and catchers in order to keep the games moving (last out).

10U plays with 4 outfielders, all other age groups play with 3. **12U may play with 4 outfielders if agreed upon by both managers.** A minimum of 8 players are required for a game to start or continue. Teams may borrow players from one another.

10U & 12U only, a minimum of 2 pitchers must be used for all games with each pitcher completing a minimum of 2 innings. If either of those pitchers cannot complete their 2 inning requirement, a 3rd pitcher must be used to at least finish the 2 inning requirement.

Playoffs will be single-elimination format with seeding based on regular season results.

All players must participate in a minimum of 50% of their regular season games to be eligible for playoffs.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams in each age group.