Softball Rules
Nuggets/Avalanche Prep League
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Playing Time

♦ Six innings will constitute a full game.
♦ No new inning will begin after the one hour and twenty-five minute time limit has expired unless the game is tied.
♦ If a game is called off due to poor weather conditions, the game will be rescheduled for the earliest possible date and continued where it left off, unless four innings have been played or the time limit has expired. In the event the home team is winning, only three and one-half innings must be completed.

Rules

♦ Athletes are not allowed to wear metal cleated shoes.
♦ After four innings of play, if a team is up by 10 runs or more they will be declared the winner and the game will end.
♦ If 10 runs or more are scored in one inning, coaches/officials have the discretion to end the inning and let the teams change sides.
♦ Teams will only be required to bat 9 players.
♦ Games may begin with (7) players in attendance.
  ● SOFTBALL HOW WE PLAY DOCUMENT LINK

Dimensions of the Field

Due to the availability of fields, size and conditions of different fields may vary. If slight modifications need to be made to a given field to make it playable or safe, the head coach must notify the League Manager so modifications can be made and all coaches can be notified.
♦ Bases will be 60 feet apart.
♦ The pitcher will be 43 feet from home plate.

**Tie Breaker – Game**

New innings will be played until the tie is broken or both coaches agree to let the game end in a tie.

**Point of Emphasis**

Batter at plate-The player in the batter’s box is encouraged to move out of the box when a play is being made by the catcher. Officials will be reminded of this emphasis during the officials’ clinic. Hit batters-Officials will use their discretion when a pitcher is consistently hitting the batter. With the exception of the above rules, the Nuggets/Avalanche Prep League will abide by the rules set forth by the National Federation of State High School Associations.