

# SARATOGA MISS SOFTBALL

## LEAGUE INFORMATION

2015 Recreation Season

### 1. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

Saratoga Miss Softball will use the ASA Rule Book with modifications and exceptions noted herein.

### 2. SUPERVISION

Team Manager/Head Coach must be at least 21 years of age. There **MUST** be at least one (1) female present, at least eighteen (18) years of age, at all Saratoga Miss Softball activities. If not, your function must be suspended. Either the coach or the assistant coach must be present at all practices or games. **IF THIS RULE IS NOT FOLLOWED, YOUR COACHING PRIVILEGE MAY BE SUSPENDED.**

### 3. DIVISIONS

A player's age is based on her age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Tee-Ball Division:** Ages 4 - 5                      **Mini Minor Division:** Ages 6 – 8

**A Division:** Ages 9 - 10                      **AA Division:** Ages 11 - 14

**AAA Division:** Ages 15 – 18

### 4. RAIN OUTS

Teams will report to the field unless notified otherwise in advance. If rain starts after team reports to the field, they are asked not to leave the complex unless notified to do so by a Board Member, League Official or Designated Member in Charge. If game is already in progress when the rain starts, the game is delayed. Teams are asked not to leave the complex until the Game Umpire makes the decision to cancel the game.

### 5. GAME CANCELLATION

A Board Member, League Official or Designated Member in Charge must cancel all games. Games will be cancelled by 4:30. Teams will be notified by 5:00. The Scheduler will reschedule all cancelled games. Any requests by Team Managers to reschedule a game, for any reason other than a Scholastic / School Related Event, must be approved by the Board President **no later than 7 days** in advance of the original scheduled date. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Both Team Managers must agree upon the rescheduled date. Any team not complying with this rule will be subject to a forfeit. Any team not playing on their rescheduled date, for any reason other than those stated above, will forfeit the game.

Definition of a Scholastic / School Event: **Pending verification**, participation in a school band / chorus / orchestra concert or a school sporting function.

## 6. RECORD KEEPING

The Home Team is the Official Score Keeper. The Home Team is listed second on the schedule. (example: (1-2) 1-visitor, 2-Home)

The starting lineup should show players' **last name, first name initial and jersey number**. A copy of the starting lineup, including any player additions / deletions, must be given to the opposing Team Manager and/or Score Keeper.

Any player tardy, but in attendance after the start of the game, **must be placed last in the batting order**. The opposing Team Manager must be informed of this addition.

## 7. FIELD RESPONSIBILITY

The Home Team is responsible for retrieving, installing and returning the bases to the equipment shed.

The Visiting Team is responsible for raking around home plate, the pitcher's mound and each base at the end of the game and returning the rake to the equipment shed.

## 8. EQUIPMENT

Per ASA Rules, every offensive player must wear a helmet (**with a face guard and chinstrap**) at all times while on the playing field. This rule applies to both practices and games.

Game Umpires will check equipment prior to each game. Games will not start if the Game Umpire deems the equipment unacceptable.

## 9. INJURIES

Injury Report forms is distributed with the "Coaches Packets" and are also available at the concession stand. The report must be made out by the Head Coach / Team Manager, or the injured player's parent, **AT THE TIME THE INJURY OCCURRED** so that the Game Umpire can sign it. **Once signed, the report must be turned in to the Board Member on Duty immediately**. For serious injuries, the Head Coach / Team Manager must make immediate arrangements to have the child transported to the hospital and to inform the parent(s) if they are not present. Please inform the parents that our POLICY HAS A \$100 DEDUCTIBLE and COVERS WHATEVER THEIR INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER. **In order for a player to resume playing, a signed Physician's Medical Release Form must be submitted to the Board President, in writing, prior to the next game. NO TEAM MANAGER / COACH SHOULD EVER PLAY AN INJURED PLAYER FOR ANY REASON!**