

# JACKSON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

## PLAYING RULES

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### **RULE #1**

#### **TRAVEL TEAMS**

Travel teams are guided by these rules except as modified by travel team player contracts approved by the Board of Directors of JFA.

### **RULE #2**

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

Players are expected to make all scheduled practices and games. When absences must occur, it is the player's responsibility to call her coach well before the event. Unexcused absences at practice or games may result in the player sitting out part or all of the next game at the **SOLE DISCRETION OF THE TEAM MANAGER**.

### **RULE#3**

#### **MOUTH GUARDS**

Players should wear a mouth guard at all times on any ball field. Coaches will carry extra mouth guards in the team medicine box and be authorized to charge \$2.00 for any player in need of a mouth guard. Coaches will recommend to all players and parents that mouth guards improve the players safety and can prevent or minimize serious mouth injuries.

### **RULE #4**

#### **UMPIRE'S DECISION**

Only the manager or his designated representative may question a decision of an umpire, and then only in the case of a rule interpretation. **JUDGMENT CALLS WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED.**

### **RULE #5**

#### **THROWING BATS**

Players will never throw bats, helmets, gloves or any other item. Notwithstanding any action by the umpire, coaches will discipline players accordingly.

## **RULE #6**

### **DUGOUTS**

All players will remain in dugouts whether or not they are in the lineup. Dugouts are for team members and coaches only. No other persons are permitted unless the team manager approves.

## **RULE #7**

### **CONDUCT**

Managers are responsible for all conduct of their players, coaches, parents, and other fans before, during, and after games until the field is vacated.

## **RULE #8**

### **MORALS**

The use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs by any person is strictly prohibited. Anyone using such substances during the game or found to have used such substances such that they are in a state of intoxication will be subject to severe penalties, including discharge from the association. Profanity or obscene gestures by anyone is prohibited.

## **RULE #9**

### **CLEANUP**

Players and coaches will ensure before leaving any field that all water bottles, cans, paper, and other debris has been removed.

## **RULE #10**

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Players and coaches will not hit balls into any backstop or fence except where permitted, nor cause damage to any field, equipment, or property of any person or group.

## **RULE #11**

### **JEWELRY**

Jewelry of any type is strictly prohibited, except for newly pierced earrings of the "post" type and medical alert tags. Earrings must be taped. No barrettes or hair clips are permitted.

## **RULE #12**

### **ROSTERS**

Coaches will maintain a team file containing the ASA roster as well as copies of each player's birth certificate and medical release form on hand at all times.

## **RULE #13**

### **PLAYING TIME**

Rules governing playing time, substitutions, lineups, and other field rules will be governed by Tournament Directors, Area Leagues, or other entities in which JFA teams play and are herein incorporated into JFA rules. A violation of another League's rules is considered a violation of these rules.

## **RULE #14**

### **LAWFUL ACTS**

Any player or coach will abide by all national, state, and local laws, and the policies of the JFA.

## **RULE #15**

### **VIOLATIONS**

Players violating these rules may be disciplined by the team manager where appropriate. In addition, players violating these rules may be disciplined by the JFA Board of Directors following a written complaint filed by a manager or Board member. Discipline may include temporary or permanent suspension from the JFA.