

**MARS AREA GIRLS SOFTBALL
RULES AND REGULATIONS
ADDENDUM 2003 SEASON**

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS ADDENDUM APPLIES TO THE 2003 MAGS SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE WITH LEAGUE PLAY MAY 12, 2003.

- Both the Junior and Senior Divisions will use a continuous batting order. All eligible roster players will bat in the same order throughout the game. In the event of an injury and a player cannot bat, the batter will be skipped. An out will not be taken for the injured batter. In the Junior Division, a maximum of ten batters may bat within an inning. *
- If there are two games scheduled at a field on a given evening in the Junior Division, the first game may not begin an inning after 6:50 pm at the umpire's discretion. At the end of the inning, whichever team is ahead is declared the winner.
- To avoid delays in a game, batters must be prepared when the umpire calls for a batter at the plate. At the umpire's discretion, a strike will be called on a batter if she fails to approach the plate when requested. When the umpire calls for a batter and the batter fails to approach, the batter will be given ten (10) seconds to approach the plate. If the batter fails to approach, strike one will be called on the batter. If the batter still does not approach, the umpire will give another ten (10) seconds for the batter to approach the plate. If the batter fails to approach the plate, strike two will be called on the batter. This process will continue until the offensive team has a batter at home plate.

* This rule supersedes Rule #11 and #13 in the MAGS Rules & Regulations 2003. With the institution of a continuous batting order, free substitution may be used with players in the field. Rule #19 remains in effect, each girl must play two innings in the field.

In order to fit both games in each night, cooperation from players and coaches is required. Players need to move quickly to their positions when changing from offense to defense. Player substitutions need to be made before the girls are to be on the playing field. Coaches must refrain from pep talks on the sidelines that delay the start of play in an inning.

MAGS has a zero tolerance for abusive language or gestures to umpires, players, coaches and fans. The umpire will eject any of the above from a game and the playing field should he/she deem necessary. The MAGS board will follow up on any incident involving this type of abuse.