



A Division (7 & 8 yrs. old) Recreational League Rules

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- 1) Each girl will play a minimum of 3 three innings and a minimum of 1 inning in the infield (1B, 2B, 3B, SS, P). No player may sit a second inning until all players have sat at least 1 inning. Five innings will constitute a game.
- 2) An 11" safety softball will be used.
- 3) A maximum of 10 players are allowed on the field at one time. Four of those players MUST play on the OUTFIELD GRASS when ten players take the field. No outfielder may run in with the ball and make a tagging play in the infield.
- 4) Defensive coaches (limit of 2) are allowed on the field at all times to instruct the girls. This is at the Head Coach's discretion. If the ball hits these coaches, the play still continues. Offensive coaches will be responsible for calls: the 1st base coach is responsible for Home Plate and 1st base; the 3rd base coach is responsible for 2nd and 3rd bases.
- 5) There will be continuous batting order. The inning ends with 3 outs or when the entire team has batted.
- 6) The coach will select an adult to pitch to their team. Coaches are required to pitch from the 35' mound. If the ball has not been put into play by the 6th pitch from the coach, the batter will be considered out. The only exception is if the batter continues to bat the 6th pitch foul. Wind milling is not mandatory.
- 7) During the last six (6) games of the season, **2nd Year** players that attended the beginners pitching clinic will be allowed to pitch one (1) inning per game. The pitchers would be allowed three (3) pitches per batter from 35', followed by the coach's five (5) pitches. Strikes will be called on all swinging strikes. Coaches will be required to pitch from the 35' rubber also. If the ball has not been put into play by the 5th pitch from the coach, the batter will be considered out. The only exception is if the batter continues to bat the 5th pitch foul. Wind milling is not mandatory.
- 8) No stealing or leading off base. Runners may not leave the base until a ball is hit. Base runners are out if they slide.
- 9) **Properly fitting batting helmets with a facemask and chin strap must be worn** by the batter, base runners and on-deck batter. Catchers must wear all equipment (mask, helmet, protector, and guards) at all times – games and practice. It is also highly recommended for all players to utilize a Fielding mask. **A Fielding Mask or Helmet with faceguard is required for the pitcher.**
- 10) Runner may NOT advance on an overthrow to 1st base. Only one throwing error allowed per play. The runner may advance one base on a throwing error. The runner or runners may advance on additional overthrows or errors.
- 11) A hit batter is not awarded 1st base.
- 12) No infield fly rule.
- 13) The game will end after 2 hours from the scheduled starting time. The Coordinator will STOP play at the first sign of lightning. The Coordinator will then decide when it is safe to continue the game.
- 14) All advancing to a base stops when an infielder throws the ball **toward** the pitcher or an outfielder **throws the ball to the infield.**
- 15) **An adult female must be present at each game and practice.**
- 16) The regular pop-out soft bases are to be used and will be set at 60 feet.
- 17) Score keeping should be kept for individual games. There are no standings or playoffs in this division. Statistics should be kept for evaluation purposes only. It should be remembered that this is teaching Division. Our goal is for the girls to learn the game of softball and have **FUN**. After each game, all players and coaches will line up and do the good game thing.