



GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

SILVER DIVISION 2ND & 3RD GRADE Coach Pitch

It is the intent of these rules to teach the youth participants the game of softball. Any action or technique that is contrary to playing the game as it is intended will be considered unsportsmanlike and will not be tolerated.

1. The philosophy of this division is to provide players with little or no experience a structured league environment that they can learn the basic skills and concepts of the game.
2. Minor division is meant to be instructional in nature. No attempt is to be made to keep official records of wins, losses and standings, etc.
3. The intent is to ensure all players the same opportunity to play a number of positions, and approximately the same amount of playing time. Coaches are required to allow players to play different positions.
4. Coaches will pitch and each batter will see no more than 7 hittable pitches. If a pitch is unhittable, the umpire (coach) shall immediately declare a no pitch. Each batter will be allowed three swings or seven hittable pitches before being called out on strikes. There will be no walks allowed. Coaches will pitch to their own players from a maximum of 40 feet and a minimum of 35 feet. A defensive player will be positioned by the adult pitcher to play that defensive position after the pitch has been thrown.
5. Intentional bunts will be ruled an out & runners may not advance.
6. The infield fly rule and dropped third strike will not be used.
7. Overthrows: Balls crossing completely over the foul line shall be ruled out of play, base runners may not advance (unless halfway to the next base). All balls that stay within the foul lines are considered live (runners may advance at their own risk). The umpire may call time at his or her own judgment.
8. Every player that attends the game will bat. Those players who arrive late will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
9. A half inning will conclude with the end of the batting order or the third out.
10. In an inning a max of (6) players may play the infield and (4) in the outfield.

11. Coaches will be acting as umpires for these games. The coach of the batting team will pitch, and will primarily call balls and strikes. The coach of the team in the field will be primarily in charge of making calls in the field. Once a ball is hit, each coach will act secondarily as a field umpire.
12. All infielders excluding the pitcher, must be positioned behind the base line and at least 5 feet from the nearest base.
13. Catchers must wear all the supplied catchers' equipment.
14. An 11 inch softball will be used for the entire season.
15. No leading off or stealing will be allowed.
16. No protests.
18. Seven (7) players must be present in order to start a game. Players are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to game time.
20. The umpire (coach) will have the official time for the start and completion of the game. Coaches must communicate with each other regarding any and or all game time situations.
21. Minor division time limit is 70 minutes, or seven innings. No new inning may begin after the time limit.
22. Helmets must be worn at all times by all batters and base runners. Any player who removes her helmet intentionally during the game without the umpire's approval will be called out as a base runner or warned as a defensive player.
23. Only league approved softball bats will be permitted.
24. The Parks & Recreation Department will provide each child a uniform consisting of a hat, shirt, and pants. Shorts will not be allowed without the league director's approval. Steel cleats & jewelry will not be allowed.
25. Every player that attends a game must play at least two (2) innings defensively. If they are in the infield for the first 2 innings, they must go to the outfield if at all possible for the next two. Continue this process throughout the entire game. If a player has not been attending practices or games on a regular scheduled basis the Parks & Recreation Office should be notified.
26. Any player that is bleeding must leave the game indefinitely until first aid has been administered. A base runner may be replaced by the last person to make an out for that team.
27. When a bat is thrown, the batter will be called out at the umpire's (coach) discretion.
28. Rain-outs will be called by the league supervisor. Coaches may call the Parks & Recreation office inclement weather phone number after 5pm @ 248-628-1720 x 6 or the OTPR Facebook page. The Parks & Recreation Department will re-schedule rain-outs on the earliest available date.

29. Team managers are responsible before and after a game for all players, assistant coaches, and spectators associated with their team. Abusive language and or foul actions will not be tolerated by this Parks & Recreation Department. Umpires and the on site league supervisor has the authority to suspend a game for the removal of a player, coach, and or a spectator. Any person ejected from a game will have two (2) minutes to be out of sight & sound.
30. No chanting or chattering at an opposing player or team is allowed. Teams are asked to shake hands after each game under the coach's supervision.
31. The Director of Parks & Recreation has the authority to amend league rules, schedules, or league changes in order to accommodate a physically challenged participant under the A.D.A or in the best interest of the entire league.