

2019 Minors Division Rec softball Basic Rules

For play with Wallingford, please make local rules with managers before game so both teams are on the same page

Pitching

- Coaches pitch, girls pitch innings 3 and 4
- Try to have the girls pitch from 30-35 ft. if possible. No closer than 25 ft. for safety reasons
- **New-** When girls are pitching, balls and strikes are called. After 4 balls the batter gets first base. If a pitcher throws four walks in an inning, she's done and a coach comes in (from the batting team) and finishes the remainder of the inning.
- When a coach is pitching, there are strikes and strikeouts. There are no balls or walks.

Batting/Baserunning

- Entire team is in batting order, no subs for hitting. If a girl gets injured or leaves, just replace her in the order, no penalty
- Players advance one base at a time. No stealing or leading. If a batter hits a ball into the grass of the outfield in the air, it's a double. Runners on base can advance 2 bases on a double. One base is awarded on over throws or errors.
- NO SWINGING OF BATS FOR THE ON-DECK HITTERS

General

- We highly recommend that all girls wear protective masks.
- Games are normally scheduled for 6 innings. Each team is allowed 4 runs per inning maximum. The last inning for both teams is unlimited runs. If daylight or timing is an issue, both Managers make a mutual decision with the umpire to allow enough time to play a final full inning.
- All players must play at least 2 innings in the infield. Coach's discretion can be used for 1B, catcher and pitcher if there is a potential safety issue. Keep in mind that most games do not run the full 6 innings, so Managers should plan accordingly. (In other words don't plan on playing the worst players in the infield the last 2 innings, which may never come). Catcher and pitcher are both regarded as infield positions.
- General lineup is 4 outfielders and the entire team is in the batting order.
- We try not to have forfeits. If a team can field 6 players, the game will go on.