

# Centennial Lakes 8U Softball League

## LEAGUE RULES

- Age limits for 8U Softball are 6, 7, & 8 year olds by December 31, 2020.
- Coaches determine rain-outs by mutual agreement at game time on the field.
- Game consists of five innings or NO New inning after 75 min. of play.
- Three outs or 5 runs scored ends an inning. When a Player is out, she must return to the bench.
- Opposing teams and Coaches will shake hands with each other and the Umpire after the game.
- The home team is responsible for bringing the bases in and off of the field from the building at Lexington Field.
- Players must wear the uniform provided and as directed by the League.
- There is interleague play with WBL, MV, FL, & Mahtomedi Fastpitch League.

## Game Rules:

- Games will be Coach pitch with pitching at 35 feet from home plate.
- **Games will consist of 5 innings or no new inning after 75 minutes.**
- Batters, base runners, and on deck batters must wear helmets at all times.
- Catchers must wear full gear (helmets w/mask, chest protector, and shin pads).
- Games will be played with 10 Players on the field but can play with as low as 7 Players.
- One Umpire will be provided for each game. Home team is responsible for an Emergency Umpire if needed.
- Players bat in a continuous order, if a Player comes late they are to be placed at the end of the batting order. No one will hit twice until everyone has hit once.
- **Players can only play each position a maximum of 3 innings per game, and they must play at least one inning in both the infield and outfield.**
- No stealing is allowed. Runner is to remain on base until ball and bat make contact **(NO LEADING OFF).**
- Only batter and batter on deck should be swinging bats.
- Collision avoidance is MANDATORY! Sliding is recommended but not required.
- An Umpire may call a girl out if she could have avoided a collision.
- Overthrows: no advancement on overthrows.
- There are NO walks. The Player can either strike out or hit the ball into play (A total of 6 pitches will be pitched to each Player only). **May**– A player will receive all 6 pitches no matter how many they swing at. **June**– A player can strike out before the 6th pitch by swinging only. After 6 pitches it is considered an out.
- The Coach is not allowed to field a ball.

### **Hitting Rules:**

- Squaring up and bunting is not allowed.
- Throwing of the bat results in a warning for the first offense and the next time the Player will be called out. A bat is deemed thrown when the bat hits another Player or if it flies eight feet or more.
- When the ball is in the infield (dirt), Coaches **MUST** stop base runners from continuing to advance anymore bases.
- The Players can run the bases until the ball is in the infield (dirt).

### **Fielding Rules:**

- The infield fly rule doesn't apply, unless the fielder drops ball on purpose.
- **ONLY 6 infielders allowed! The other 4 players must be in outfield positions. Outfielders should not be covering bases unless they are backing up a play being made in the infield.** This will be called at umpire's discretion.

\*\*\*Please remember to ALWAYS be respectful of the umpires' decisions. We enforce a ZERO tolerance of umpire harassment! It is ok to ask about rules if you are unsure, but we do not argue judgement calls.

\*\*\*Please remember that this is 8U Softball.... NOT Division I Collegiate level! 😊

**Thank you and have FUN!!!**