

# **GIRLS – 12/UNDER RECREATION LEAGUE**

## **REMEMBER YOUR JOB IS TEACH SOFTBALL NOT WIN GAMES!**

These rules are intended to help the flow of games between leagues They are not intended to give teams from one league any advantage over a team from another league, and are, as far as practical, intended to minimize any misunderstanding or misapplication of the rules.

### **Use ASA Rules, and the following:**

No new inning start after 1 hour and 30 minutes game must end 1 hour and 45 minutes. If the umpire is late give him 10 minutes then start the game.

Dropped third strike rule is in effect

Infield Fly rule is in effect

Stealing on the release of the pitch

After the 1st half of the season: Darkness will be called by the umpires. The umpire will let both coaches know when the last inning is starting.

Game time is 6:00 p.m. If no umpire show up give it 10 minutes and start the game. Using a coach or parent as an umpire till the umpire arrives.

Mercy Rule: If a team is leading by at least ten (10) runs. After five (5) innings, if the visiting team is ahead or four and one-half (4 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead, the game can be considered a completed game. It is up to the teams losing if the Mercy rule will be used or not.

Continuous batting order: Anyone arriving late to the game is inserted at the bottom of the batting order.

Use ten (10) players in field. Four (4) outfielders positioned evenly behind the infielders.

## **PARTICIPATION**

Teams must have eight (8) players to begin a game.

There will be a maximum fifteen (15) minute waiting period to allow a team to reach the 8-player minimum. Waiting time will not be added to the end of the game.

If a coach believes he/she will not have enough players to reach the 8-player minimum, he/she should contact the opposing coach at least three hours prior to the start of the game. Coaches should then follow the rescheduling procedure.

Should your team not reach the 8-player minimum within the 15-minute time limit described above, then the game will be declared a forfeit. While the two teams may decide to scrimmage, the umpire is not required to stay and umpire the game.

There shall be unlimited defensive substitutions.

Each player shall play defense for at least two of the first four innings for which she is available to play. This rule is to ensure adequate playing time for each player in the event that the game is shortened for some reason. Coaches shall monitor their own team's compliance with this rule.

Flip the batting order around each game giving all girls a chance to bat in different spots

