

# DGAL 2016 SOFTBALL - RULES & REGULATIONS

## Junior League Rules (1<sup>st</sup> half of the season)

Junior League is made up of girls in Grades K-2

Girls in other grades may be allowed to play in Junior League on a case by case basis, as determined by the Softball Commissioner and the Softball Committee.

Rules for the Pee wee League will be governed by the standard rules set forth by the ASA except where noted as follows:

### 1. Field:

- Pitching distance at the Junior Division will be 30ft with a player pitching and 35ft with the coach pitching.

### 2. Length of game:

- Each game will last 75 minutes or 6 innings, whichever is first. If an inning is in progress at the 75 minute mark, the current half inning will be finished. Home Team will keep official time.

### 3. Batters/Runs per Inning:

- Teams will bat all players in the lineup each inning. The offense keeps hitting until the last player for that inning gets up.
- Coaches or player pitcher will pitch 6 pitches to each batter.
- If the batter has not gotten a hit during those 6 pitches, they will hit off of a tee.
- Balls and strikes will not be called. There will be no strikeouts or walks. Batters will remain at the plate until they get a hit from a pitch or off of the tee.
- After the last batter for an inning gets a hit, the girls should continue to run until an out is made or the bases are cleared.
- No score will be kept for the first half of the season.

### 4. Outs:

- **OUTS ON THE BASEPATHS COUNT! Once a team gets three outs, clear the bases, and continue batting through the planned last batter for the inning. It is critical to the girls development as players that this is enforced.**
- For the 1st half of the season no umpires will be used. Safe/out call on the bases will be made by the coach closest to the play. There will be no dispute of calls.

### 5. Pitching:

- A defensive team has the choice of using a player pitcher during each of the first 2 innings. If the defensive team decides not to use a player pitcher, a coach of the offensive team shall pitch to the batters.
- Player pitchers may use a slingshot or windmill motion. Coaches should try to teach a legal pitching motion, but there is no illegal pitch in the Junior Division.
- A player may pitch a maximum of 2 innings per game. The innings do not need to be in consecutive order.
- If a player pitcher hits 2 players in an inning, a coach pitcher of the offensive team will finish pitching that inning.
- The defensive coach may choose to replace the player pitcher at any point in an inning.
- Any player hit by pitch has the choice of taking her base or hitting off of the tee.

## **6. Bunting**

- Not allowed.

## **7. Base Running:**

- No base stealing is allowed.
- A lead of up to 4ft is allowed once the ball is released from the pitchers hand. The player must return to the base after every pitch. This is not a requirement of coaches to teach to all players. Only the players they feel are ready. No defensive player shall make a play on the player taking the lead between pitches. NO LEAD when a player is hitting off of the tee.
- Players should advance one base at a time per hit, unless the ball is hit fair and reaches the outfield grass, at which point two bases will be taken.

## **8. Infield Positions:**

- Each player must spend AT LEAST 1 inning per game playing an infield position. All infield positions apply, includes the Catcher position. We STRONGLY encourage coaches to play girls at least half the time in the infield. Teams are encouraged to rotate players between infield and outfield so they can gain experience, however, a player's safety shall always be considered before placing a player in the infield.
- Exemptions from this rule made by Softball Commissioner only.