

Robinson Girls Youth Softball Association Rules Pigtail League- Revised 2016

1. All girls except the coach's daughter and sisters of chosen players will go in the player pool for draft each year. Daughters of principle sponsors, who are parents, shall play on the sponsored team. These girls have the option to go into the player pool if they wish. Assistant coach's daughter must be chosen by setting aside and picked as first draft picks.
2. Age requirements: any girl eligible must be 6 years old before April 1 of the current year and cannot be 8 years old before April 1 of the same year.
3. A playing team shall consist of an entire 10-player team; however, a team may play with 8 players if necessary. Coaches may choose to field their entire team, though one team may outnumber the other team. If the teams are uneven, the batting will be adjusted. (Example: one team is 2 players short; after the short team has batted their roster in the first inning, they would bat the girls in the #1 and #2 spots on their roster; in the 2nd inning the short team would bat their roster, then they would bat the #3 and #4 girls on their roster; in the 3rd inning the short team would bat their roster, then they would bat the #5 and #6 girls on their roster.)
4. When teams play the field, only 6 girls are allowed on the infield. All other players must be in the outfield.
5. Borrowed players: If a team must borrow a player in order to field a team of up to 10, the borrowed player **MUST** be the age of the missing player. In the event a 7 year old player is not available to replace a 7 year old, you may borrow a 6 year old. However, you cannot borrow up in age (i.e. a 7 year old for a 6 year old). The borrowed player will play only in the outfield, bat at the end of the batting line up, and **MUST** wear their own team's uniform at both home and away games.
6. Starting roster: Each coach is responsible for turning in a roster to the other coach prior to the beginning of each game. Girls will remain in the same batting order for the entire game. If during the game one team loses a player, the batting order does not change and the team will play with the girls that are left.
7. All regular team members should wear regulation uniforms; shirts will be furnished by the association or sponsor. **Bare feet and sandals are excluded from footwear (this includes coaches and assistants).**
8. Each girl must wear a batting helmet with a mask (RGYSA recommends a clear mask) and with a chin strap that must be snapped.
9. Field measurements: The distance between the pitcher's rubber and home plate shall be 31 feet. The distance between bases shall be 45 feet. Bases shall have spikes inserted into the ground.
10. All teams must use an 11" softball supplied by RGYSA.
11. A game shall consist of 3 innings. The time limit for games will be 1 hour and 30 minutes.
12. The girls will be responsible for pitching the first inning. The coach or assistant coach will pitch the last two innings. There will be a maximum of 7 pitches per batter when the girls are pitching.
13. If there is incidental contact by a batted ball, she is out.
14. The ball is considered not in play when the player pitcher or the coach has the ball. The halfway marks between the bases will determine whether the runner may advance to the next base or must return to the previous base.

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15. Runners can only advance one (1) base on an overthrow, which will also be determined by the halfway marks. Play stops after first overthrow.
16. After the last batter has hit the ball, the ball is in play until a play is made (I.e. getting a runner out). An attempt **MUST** be made at making a play. The ball cannot be thrown back to the circle to stop the play.
17. No stealing of bases at any time. Although the runner may leave the base after the ball has left the pitcher's hand to the 5' mark, until contact has been made by the batter with the ball. If there is not contact with the ball, the runner must return to the base until the next pitch. If the ball is hit and caught, the runner must return to the base and tag up before she can advance.
18. There will be 3 coaches allowed on the playing field while their team is batting: 1 pitcher and 2 base coaches (base coaches will umpire the bases while their team is batting). There will be 2 coaches allowed on the playing field while their team is fielding: 2 coaches on the field with players.
19. All equipment not in use must be off the playing field. All girls of the batting team must be in the dugout, other than the girl in the on deck circle.
20. Any girl who quits a team before the final league season game does not receive a trophy.
21. These rules take precedence over ASA rules. All other applicable ASA rules will be followed.