

# MJ LEAGUE PARK RULES GIRLS' MINOR SOFTBALL

## Time, Runs and General Game Play:

1. Game length: 1:30 and cannot start another inning after 1:15.
2. Game called due to time expiring:
  - a. For time purposes, an inning starts when the 3rd out is recorded in the bottom of an inning. Not when visiting team is in its defensive positions, waiting for 1st pitch of the inning.
3. Run Rule: If either team is behind and cannot catch up or go ahead, the game shall be over immediately. The RUN RULE awards a win to a team that has:
  - a. 12 runs lead after 3 completed innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead
  - b. 10 runs after 4 completed innings or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead
  - c. 8 runs lead after 5 completed innings or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.
4. Runs per Inning: A maximum of 6 runs can be scored each inning for each team.
5. Slinging bat: Any team that has a player sling a bat, will receive one warning from an umpire. Each offense after warning has been given, will be an automatic out, and treated as a dead ball and runners may not advance.
6. Softball regular season schedule will consist of 12-14 games
7. Safety bases at 1B:
  - a. Safety bases are to be installed on all softball fields. These safety bases are a double width base, one half is white, which is to be installed in fair territory, and the other half is orange or red, which is installed in foul territory.
  - b. Batter/runner is to touch the orange portion, and the defensive player is to touch the white portion. Once batter/runner has safely reached 1B, runner then touches the white portion.
8. Stealing bases:
  - a. Runner may advance only one base per pitch on each steal attempt.
  - b. The runner may leave base when pitch crosses home plate.
  - c. A Delayed Steal from 3rd base will not be allowed.
  - d. If catcher throws ball back to pitcher attempted steal of home is not allowed by runner, unless the ball is overthrown and passed the pitcher.
    - i. If this happens play will be stopped and umpire will instruct runners to return to previous base held.
9. No Drop third strike in Minor
10. Minimum playing time: players must play at least two defensive innings.
11. No Infield fly rule in Minor
12. No metal cleats will be allowed in any league.
13. No Mandatory slide rule and NO head-first sliding while advancing a base.
14. Pitchers will be pitching from 35 feet and MUST wear a facemask.
  - a. Strike zone is shin to shoulders, where the ball crosses the plate.
15. If a head coach, asst coach or parent is ejected from the game, then the HC is also ejected for that game and the next game.

## **Lineup & Players**

1. Batting lineup:
  - a. All players must be in batting lineup and bat.
  - b. Any player arriving after game has started, and their batting position has been skipped, MUST be inserted at the bottom of the batting lineup.
2. Injured or sick player: The Coach's decision must be announced to the opposing coaches, umpires, and scorekeepers.
  - a. Players injured during game, or get sick during game, MAY be skipped in batting lineup, without an automatic out given.
    - i. If player is skipped in lineup, without an out taken, that player may not re-enter game either on offense or defense.
    - ii. Coach can elect to take an out, to keep option of player re-entering game.
3. Courtesy runner rule will be: Refer to NSA Rule Book 2019 – pg 24/25.
4. Defensive alignment:
  - a. Defensive will consist of 10 players comprised of 6 infield and 4 outfield players
5. Player Arriving Late:
  - a. A player arriving late to a game may be inserted into the defensive lineup in the next inning and inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
6. Requesting Player:
  - a. If a team is going to be 1 or maximum 2 players short of enough to field a complete team, consisting 9 players, the coach will contact the league director. That league director will contact the league director of the next youngest league to find a player to "play up" and "signed off" on by the Softball Director.

## **DRAFT RULES:**

1. Players will be drafted in an open draft.
2. Softball Dir/member of the SBOC will be present at all drafts, or it will not take place.
3. A Team that has 2 first round draft picks (from their protected coach/asst coach's kids) will make their next pick (2nd round pick) from 7th round or lower.
4. All trades will be completed before leaving the draft room with no exceptions.
5. If the coach or protected asst's kid is NOT at tryouts, they will go round 1 and/or 2; unless ALL coaches agree on a different round and it aligns with prior evaluations.
6. 3 coaches MUST be able to rate the no-shows or the child will go into the blind draft, with rating cross checked from previous evaluations
7. Late additions will be added to teams based on a random team selection, by the park administrator
8. Protected Players – This will include the Head and Asst coach's daughters (incl adopted/foster), but does not include extended family (nieces, etc).
9. Protected Pitchers – a team may only protect 2 pitchers if there are enough qualified pitchers in the draft for each team to have 1 or the 2 pitchers are siblings.

**\*\*FOR ANY RULE NOT COVERED IN THE SECTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE OFFICIAL NSA  
RULE BOOK.**