

Girls Minor League Rules 2017

High School rules will be followed with these exceptions or clarifications:

1. Pitchers may pitch no more than 3 consecutive innings, may not pitch more than 3 innings in a game. No player shall walk on 4 pitched balls: they can walk only if a pitch hits them. Once the pitcher has pitched 4 balls, the batter coach then pitches 3 balls and the batter must hit or strike out. The athlete / pitcher must stand next to coach / pitcher in circle while he/she pitches to the batter. The coach may not make a play on the ball, unless it is an act of self-defense, and needs to drop the ball immediately for the athlete/pitcher to make to play. The batters coach must wear a glove when pitching. There is no dropped third strike rule.
2. The game will be 6 innings – minimum of 3 innings. A time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes at which no new innings can be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes. (For double headers on a designated night, each game will only last one hour 15 minutes with 15 minutes in-between games.) 15 run rule will be in affect after 3 and one half innings. Maximum of 5 runs per inning for all innings.
3. The official ball is an 11" softball. (White or optic yellow)
4. Pitching distance is 35 feet.
5. A team can start a game with no less than 8 players. Less than 8 players is a forfeit. The team with 8 players must place a designated OUT in their batting order. Any player that arrives late can enter the ball game as soon as the player can. If the arriving player is the 9th player then she is placed in the batting order at the designated OUT spot.
6. 10 defensive players of which four must play outfield. Every player will play at least 2 defensive innings and 1 time at bat per game unless shortened by the run rule. If a coach has a discipline problem with one of his players and doesn't feel the player has a right to play, the coach should discuss this problem with the opposing coach BEFORE the game. Also, if by mistake a player doesn't get to play in a regular 6-inning game (coach's error), that player will start and not be substituted for the next game.
7. Substitutions – unlimited.
8. All players will bat in the original batting order at all times (every player to be placed in the batting order). All bats must be softball approved – no little league bats (safety factor). T-ball bats are allowed.
9. Bunting is allowed.
10. All overthrows (or ball is uncatchable) – only **ONE BASE** even if in or out of play.
11. No infield fly rule.
12. No metal spikes.