



## **2022 Fall Season Playing Rules SOFTBALL – 8 and Under Division**

### **DIVISION MAKE-UP**

- Players of League Age 6, 7 and 8, as per PONY rules. League age is players age as of December 31, 2022.
- The team roster shall not include more than eight of the older age players.

### **PLAYING FIELD**

- Distance between bases is 50 feet.
- The pitcher's plate is 30 feet from home plate.
- Fields will be marked with a circle surrounding the pitcher's mound, 5 feet in radius / 10 feet in diameter.
- Fields will be marked with 10-foot horizontal lines at 15 feet beyond 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> base. This determines where the infield ends, and the outfield begins.

### **EQUIPMENT**

- 10-inch soft softball
- Louisville Slugger UPM 45 pitching machine (Suggested Settings: Power Lever = 2; Micro Adjust = 3; Release Block = 4). To be used 4/16/2022.

### **GAME DURATION**

- Games will be drop dead at one hour and 20 minutes (no matter what inning it is).
- Maximum 6 innings.
- Each team will be allowed maximum 5 runs per team / per inning, or 3 outs, whichever comes first. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning maximum runs is unlimited.
- Score will be kept. No league standings will be kept.
- No Mercy Rule in effect.

**PITCHING** PITCHING MACHINE USED THRU 10/13/2022. Coach/machine pitcher is from the team that is up to bat.

- Interference by the coach/machine pitcher will result in a no play being called by the umpire. The runners will return to the base occupied before the pitch. If it is the umpire's opinion the interference was intentional the batter will be called out.

After 10/13/2022 a player pitcher will be used.

- Maximum three innings per game.
- Player Pitcher: The pivot foot must be in contact of the pitcher's plate to begin deliver. The non-pivot foot may be in contact with or behind the plate and allows the pitcher to step back with the non-pivot foot, providing that the step-back begins prior to start the