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I. GAME TIMES AND INNINGS PLAYED:

- A. There will be a 1 hour and 15 minutes time limit or 7 innings. We will not start a new inning within 10 minutes of the game ending so both teams get a chance to bat and finish the inning.
- B. A game may be terminated once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings, 10 or more runs after 3 ½ or 4 innings, or 8 or more after 4 ½ or 5 innings.
- C. Games which are stopped before becoming official (played at least 4 complete or 3 ½ if home team is ahead) because of rain, darkness or other causes may be replayed. i.e. Start game over.
- D. **(During Regular Season)** There will be a 75 minute time limit or 7 innings **(no new inning will start after 65 minutes)**. If a game is tied at the end regulation or innings during the regular season the game will remain tied.
- E. **(Director’s Cup)** There will be a 75 minute time limit or 7 innings. If a game is tied at the end regulation or innings the game will go into extra innings until a winner has been named.

II. PLAYING FIELD:

- A. We will use USA Softball National Rules for the field dimensions.

III. SUBSTITUTIONS AND LINE-UPS

- A. ALL PLAYERS WILL BE IN THE LINE-UP. EXAMPLE: If there are 12 players at the game, then you list all 12 players on your batting line-up card. That means that the player in the #12 batting order will be bat before the #1 player in the batting order bats again.
- B. The **Last Batter Rule** is in effect. If a team bats everyone on their lineup before (3) outs are made, that half inning will be considered over.
- C. A defensive substitute must be made by the top of the 3rd inning. A substitute must enter the game and play 2 consecutive innings. You are allowed free substitutions on defense only. Since the batting line-up will not change, you may substitute any position as long as substitutions are made by the top of the 3rd inning and they play 2 consecutive innings.



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IV. LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

- A. Runners may lead off the base once the pitcher has released the ball on her delivery to the batter.
- B. Runner may only advance to the next base (steal) when the ball crosses home plate.
- C. Runners may steal one base at a time, not to advance on an overthrow during a putout attempt from the defense.
- D. Stealing Home is NOT permitted.
- E. Advancing to first base as a result of a Dropped 3rd Strike is not permitted in this age division.
- F. Coach Assist Rule: Pitchers will be allowed 2 walks (base on balls) per inning before a Coach enters to assist the progression of the game. Once the result of an at bat would be a base on balls, after the 2nd walk of the inning, the coach will enter the pitching circle and assume the strike count and finish pitching the at bat. Batters will not be awarded a base on balls as a result of the coaches pitches. For example, if a batter winds up with a 4-2 count (meaning the 4th ball pitched that would be a BB, but it after the 2nd BB of the inning) the coach comes in to finish pitching the at bat, with only 1 strike to give before resulting in a strike-out. Foul Ball rules still apply, so if the batter fouls off the first pitch, she does get another pitch to attempt completing the at bat. *Runners CANNOT steal during a Coach Assisted pitch, but they are allowed to continue to lead-off once the ball is released, as normal! **Coach must pitch with at least one-foot in contact with the pitching rubber at all times (not from the front of the circle).
- G. Defensive positioning of players shall remain in the natural 1-10 positions with the outfielders maintaining start positioning with both feet in the grass at the moment a batter makes contact with a pitch to put the ball in play. (1-pitcher, 2-catcher, 3-first base, 4-second base, 5-third base, 6-short stop, 7-left field, 8-left center field, 9-right center field, 10-right field)

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