## Clark Girls Softball Recreation League Rules – 2025

Peewee Division - Play governed by 2025 USA Softball rules, with the following modifications:

- 1. Three runs maximum per inning. There will be no run limit for the last inning of the game.
- 2. Regulation game is 6 innings. Game may be called, and is official, after four innings, or if the home team is winning after 3 1/2 innings.
- 3. Run Ahead Rule 15 runs after the losing team has batted at least four times.
- 4. Roster batting is mandatory.
- 5. The minimum number of players to begin the game is 6. If a team has 6 players, when a girl leaves that lineup for any reason, NO out will be recorded in her spot.
- 6. There is no infield fly rule or dropped 3rd strike rule.
- 7. Bunting and stealing are not allowed. The runner may come off the bag with contact, or as the ball crosses the plate. She may not advance if the ball is not put into play, but she is in jeopardy of being put out.
- 8. Coaches will pitch to their own players from 30 feet. Walks are not allowed. The batter shall be called out after three swinging strikes or after she receives six pitches and does not put the ball into play. The umpire will call only the sixth pitch. If the sixth pitch is not swung at and is called a strike, then the batter is out. If the sixth pitch is fouled off or called a ball, the batter gets another pitch, which will also be called by the umpire.
- 9. The coach who is pitching must make every effort to avoid interfering with the defensive play on a batted ball. If, in the umpire's judgment, the coach intentionally interferes with a defensive play or if the coach fails to make a good faith effort to avoid the interference, the play should be called dead, the batter shall be called out, and the runners shall return to the bases they occupied prior to the play. The coach who is pitching must remain silent from the start of the pitch until the end of the play.
- 10. Kid pitch for the 3rd and 4th innings. After 4 balls pitched, the coach will come in to complete the at bat. Any strikes with kid pitch will remain with the batter.
- 11. Infield Hit Base runners are limited to one base on all batted balls hit in the infield. No advances are allowed for overthrows to any base.
- 12. Outfield Hit Base runners may take additional bases on all batted balls hit into the outfield, defined as any ground or fly ball that goes 10 feet beyond the base path or any ball that is fielded by an outfielder. The umpire must carefully note where the runners are at the moment the ball has been returned to the infield and is controlled by an infielder. Runners remain in jeopardy of being put out. At the end of the play, the umpire will decide the proper position for the runners. Those who had not attained the halfway point between bases at the moment the ball was controlled on the infield, will be returned to previous base attained at the moment the ball was controlled. For runners who had attained at least the halfway point between the bases, the result of the play will stand. Again, the ball is not "dead" when controlled by the infielder on the infield. The umpire should allow play to continue, and then take appropriate action at the end of the play, based on their judgment.
- 13. Outfielders need to play on the grass until the ball is put in play. No short fielder will be allowed to play in the infield.