



## MINOR DIVISION

### OFFENSE

- 1) The batting order will consist of all girls in attendance for that night's game.
- 2) There is no infield fly rule or dropped third strike in this division.
- 3) All girls throwing the bat will be warned after the first offense, and at the second offense they will be called out. No exceptions.
- 4) Girls will be allowed to steal any base except home. They are allowed to leave the base at the pitcher's release.
- 5) There will be only one base allowed per overthrow: Play will be stopped and girls advancing further will be returned to base.
- 6) There will be a four run limit on all innings.

### DEFENSE

- 1) An 11" softball will be used for all games. The distance from the mound to home will be 35 feet. All girls must start at the mound.
- 2) The defense will consist of a maximum of ten players in the following format:
  - a) one girl only at each of the infield positions, including pitcher and catcher
  - b) Four outfielders who must remain on the outfield grass.
- 3) Full catcher's gear is mandatory for all girls playing the catcher's position.
- 4) During the coach/pitch, the pitcher will remain in the pitcher's circle to field. If the coach is contacted by the ball, play will be stopped and all runners will be awarded one base.

### PITCHING

- 1) The fielding team's coach will stand behind the pitcher and call balls and strikes for all batters. The strike zone will be from the shoulders to the knees.
- 2) The batting team's coach will step in to the finish the inning once there are three walks, total in an inning.
- 3) All batters receiving three strikes, called or swinging, will be out regardless of whether a player or a coach is pitching. No batters will be waked by a coach pitcher.

## GENERAL RULES

- 1) At the first sign of visible lightning or sound of thunder, all play must be suspended for a period of thirty minutes. Fields and dugouts MUST be vacated. There are no exceptions.
- 2) No jewelry will be worn on field. All hair past shoulder length must be tied back.
- 3) Scorekeeping in this division is discouraged. Emphasis should be placed on good sportsmanship and proper game play at this level.
- 4) No new inning should be started after one hour and twenty minutes.
- 5) Coaches (limit of 2) are encouraged to be on the field at all times to instruct the girls.
- 6) The girls and coaches will line up at home plate to shake hands after the game. Both teams are responsible for cleaning/picking up.
- 7) Fielding masks are strongly recommended for all players.
- 8) Players are required to wear long pants or softball pants during games.

