

ALL COACHES AND MANAGERS MUST READ THE CURRENT USA RULE BOOK

**WE WILL FOLLOW ALL USA RULES AND REGULATIONS
UNLESS STATED ON THESE LOCAL BYLAWS:**

2021 K-2 Softball

General Rules

- 1. Teams will be comprised of players in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade. Teams will be selected by the League Commissioner with the assistance of the respective coaches. Every effort should be made to even out the ability to create equal teams.**
- 2. All games should have a 2 hr time limit, with the first 45-60 minutes being reserved for drills and skill development and the last 60 minutes for the game. During the first 45-60 minutes of practice the teams should share the field equally. Stations for Hitting, Base running, grounders and flyballs with as many coaches and volunteers as possible are encouraged to keep kids moving and having fun.**
- 3. There will be no scores kept during games. The emphasis should be placed on instruction and learning the game.**
- 4. During the game the fielding team should field an infield only. The other players should continue practice in the outfield during the inning. Hitting or fielding drills should be performed.**
- 5. Players should rotate from playing the infield to the outfield practice area on an inning by inning basis.**
- 6. Coaches are encouraged to be on the field and to instruct all players on all aspects of the game.**
- 7. At no time should players pitch.**
- 8. A continuous batting order shall be used for all players present at the game for the entire game.**
- 9. There is no "three out" rule. All players in the line up must bat each inning. If the ball is still in play, the last batter should continue to round the bases until she reaches home plate.**
- 10. The at-bats will begin with coach pitch. However after 3 swings and misses, the Tee must be brought out. The batting T keeps the game moving. Repeated pitching to kids who struggle slows the game down and makes it boring for the kids in the field.**
- 11. Leading is allowed once the ball leaves the coach/pitchers hand. There is NO STEALING as there are no catchers.**

- 12. While there are no outs (rule 9) encourage the kids to make plays and let them keep track of outs made per inning as a reward system. However, kids out on a play can remain on the base to continue baserunning.**
- 13. No coach or volunteer will be allowed on the field at any time without having completed the leagues background check. Parents who want to volunteer should be encouraged, but they will need to register as coaches/volunteers. The process is quick.**