

# 2019 Fall League, Girls Softball

## 10u & 12u Division

### Regular Season Playing Rules **\*\*Revised 8-01-19\*\***

1. Games will consist of **5 innings or 1 hr. & 15 minute time limit**, whichever comes first.
2. The following mercy rules will apply; 15 runs after 2 ½ or 3 innings, 10 runs after 3 ½ or 4, provided each girl on the roster has batted at least one time. If this is the case, the game will move to another inning.
3. Bases will be set at 60 ft. and the pitching rubbers will be set at **35 ft. for 10u and 40 ft. for 12u.**
4. A team can start a game with eight players with no penalty. If a player arrives late, she can be placed in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot. All other late arriving players would be added to the end of the lineup card.
5. A courtesy runner for the catcher is allowed. Runner must be the player who made the preceding out.
6. Each player should play a defensive position for at least three consecutive outs of each game played.
7. **Pitching**—each pitcher has 6 innings for the week, Monday-Sunday. Starting pitchers can be removed and re-entered to pitch one time. Coaches are subject to a one game suspension for violation of pitching restrictions of 6 innings per week. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
8. **Batting Order**—All players on the team will be listed on the batting lineup card and bats the entire game.
9. **Only three coaches allowed on the playing field. \*\*No parents allowed in the dugout or playing field.**
10. **10<sup>th</sup> Batter Rule :** This applies to 10u, 12u, 15u divisions. Once the 10<sup>th</sup> batter of the inning comes to the plate, it will be announced to the home plate umpire. Two outs will be declared, whether or not there are no outs. Once playing action has ended on the 10<sup>th</sup> at bat, the inning will be over. The play can be killed with the catcher or a fielder with the ball standing on the plate. If the 10<sup>th</sup> batter walks or is hit by a pitch, she will be awarded two bases and all base runners would advance two bases. Any runner that occupied 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> would score.
11. **Defense: Play ten (10) players on defense using four (4) outfielders. 10u & 12u divisions.**
12. If a **player is ejected** from a game, an out will be called each time that position is due up to bat. **Note:** If a player leaves the game due to sickness, injury, etc, and the batting order drops to 8 players, there will not be an out recorded. A player removed from the game due to sickness or injury can not return to the game and the vacated spot would be skipped in the batting order.
13. **Ejected players would require their team to take an out every time the ejected players spot is due up in the order.**
14. Catchers do not have to use a catcher's mitt, but must be in full gear, including a catchers helmet with a throat protector, unless a hockey style mask is used.
15. Batting helmets with face masks are required. It is recommended that pitchers use a facial protection shield if possible.
16. A dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is an out on the batter. This applies to 10u & 12u divisions. **\*\*In the 12u division,** players on base can advance at their own risk.
17. **10u Division:**
  - **Can not advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.**
  - **Batter with a base on balls must stop at first base.**
  - **A combination of four walked batters and/or players hit by the pitch per inning, would require the offensive coach to pitch. The batter would have only three pitches to put the ball in play. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch is not put in play, the batter is out, unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch is fouled off. In this case, another pitch or pitches for successive fouls is allowed. A caught foul pop up is an out.**
  - **There is no bunting when the coach pitcher is utilized.**
18. All games that are tied after regulation, either by time limit or innings, will end in a tie. This applies to only the regular season games.
19. **Age Control Date:** The cut off date for fall league softball is September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Example;** A girl that turns 11 before September 1<sup>st</sup> would have to play in the 12u division. **\*\*This is not to be confused with the January 1<sup>st</sup> date that is used in a Dixie Softball Spring league.\*\*** Remember, the fall league is an independent program with no ties to Little League, Dixie Youth, Dixie Softball.
20. **Ejections:** If a coach is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the grounds and take their child with them. The coach will not be allowed on the grounds his/her next scheduled game. This is a mandatory one game suspension and the coach is not allowed on park grounds for the suspension. However, his/her child will be allowed to play the next game.