



General Organization Rules

Sitting Players

No player sits a second inning until all players sit one inning. There are exceptions on occasion, for instance if your pitcher or catcher has been playing the whole game you do not have to pull them to sit, if a player were to get hurt or become ill during the game, etc. This does not reset with each game. If a player consistently misses their team's practice, playing time can suffer. 18u is an exception to this rule.

Batting Lineup

You must bat a continuous lineup of all rostered players in attendance at each game. 18u is an exception to this rule.

Pulling Players

If you need to pull a player, you must contact the head coach of the team you wish to borrow from to discuss the players they feel are ready and available from their team. Reach out to an equal level team first, then go to the next level team if the first has a conflict. Once a team's season is over, coaches may pull any registered player to finish out the season without needing approval from other coaches if they wish. However, we encourage our coaches to work together to ensure the most deserving players receive the extra playing time. Coaches may not pull players to substitute for their team who are not registered with Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association in the current season for liability reasons.

Team Responsibility

Once a season starts, a player needs to finish the season with the team she started. This means going to that team's regularly scheduled practices and scheduled games.

Additional Practice

Coaches may offer any additional practices or clinics they see fit to anyone as long as it does not directly interfere with other coaches' regularly scheduled season practices and then expect players from those teams to make it a priority above their regular team practice.

Playing Time

Any parent that has questions or issues with their child's playing time will be instructed to first speak with the coach after following the 24-hour rule. If it can not be resolved at that level, they will be instructed to consult the Player Advocate who will further investigate.

Player Advocate

Every team must add the Player Advocate as a staff member to their GameChanger account. The Player Advocate needs to be able to access player stats in the event of a complaint. The email address for that is playeradv.rockettesfastpitch@gmail.com

Division Specific Guidelines

18u

This division is in preparation for high school. The coaches will be playing the girls in a similar manner to the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. There is no guaranteed playing time, nor will they be required to bat a continuous lineup. All positions are based on merit as determined by the head coach.

14u

In the 14u division, playing time is guaranteed, but preferred position playing time must be earned. Players must demonstrate the ability to play their preferred position in practice as decided/determined by the head coach. If they have demonstrated the ability to play their preferred position, coaches should attempt to play them at least one inning per game at that position, but it is not a guarantee. Pitching and catching is the exception to the one inning per game rule. At the 14u level, we should be trying to build primary fielding positions for the girls. They are nearing high school, and we need to prepare them for the fact that they will not be floating positions every inning in high school. The batting lineup can stay consistent to maintain competitiveness. Skill development, sportsmanship and leadership are all priorities at this level, but we are also challenging them to compete more.

12u Major

In the 12u Major division, playing time is guaranteed, but preferred position playing time must be earned. Players must demonstrate the ability to play their preferred position in practice as decided/determined by the head coach. If they have demonstrated the ability to play their preferred position, coaches should attempt to play them at least one inning per game at that position, but it is not a guarantee. Pitching and catching is the exception to the one inning per game rule. Positions should be rotated more frequently than the older divisions. Girls should start to focus on 2-3 different positions. Girls should get experience at both the infield and the outfield to find where their skillset fits best. The batting lineup can stay consistent to maintain competitiveness. Skill development, sportsmanship and leadership are all priorities at this level, but we are also challenging them to compete more.

12u Minor

This is a learning division where playing time is guaranteed and preferred position playing time is guaranteed. The amount of preferred position playing time is earned through demonstrating the ability to play that position in practice and in games. Players most capable of playing a position will earn more time at said position as decided/determined by the head coach. Rotating positions frequently is necessary. Girls should get experience at both the infield and the outfield to find where their skillset fits best. The batting lineup can stay more consistent to maintain competitiveness. The primary focus at this group is still developing fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game while also introducing a level of competition.

10u Major

This is a competitive learning division where playing time is guaranteed and preferred position playing time is guaranteed. The amount of preferred position playing time is earned through demonstrating the ability to play that position in practice and in games as decided/determined by the head coach. Players most capable of playing a position will earn more time at said position. Rotating positions frequently is necessary. Girls should get experience at both the infield and the outfield to find where their skillset fits best. The batting lineup can stay more consistent to maintain competitiveness. The primary focus at this

group is still developing fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game while also challenging the girls to compete a little more than previous.

10u Minor Up

This is a learning division where playing time is guaranteed and preferred position playing time is guaranteed. Players most capable of playing a position will earn slightly more time at said position as decided/determined by the head coach. Rotating positions frequently is necessary. Girls should get experience at both the infield and the outfield to find where their skillset fits best. The batting lineup may fluctuate to give everyone more opportunity to hit. The primary focus at this group is developing fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game.

10u Minor

This is a learning division where playing time is guaranteed and preferred position playing time is guaranteed. Rotating positions frequently is necessary. Girls should get experience at both the infield and the outfield to find where their skillset fits best. The batting lineup should change to give everyone equal opportunity to hit. The primary focus at this group is developing fundamental skills and fostering a love for the game.

Failure to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association may result in disciplinary measures as determined by the Board of Directors.

Coach Signature: _____ **Date:** _____