

Rantoul Recreation Department-Girl's Softball Rules (11 - 12 years old)

1. Games will consist of six (6) innings or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. No new inning will begin after the time limit has expired, unless the score is tied. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on Diamond 3 and Diamond 4. Each player must play a minimum of two defensive innings and bat at least one time in every game. Game times will be designated in the Rec. Dept. Sports Schedule Book. Forfeit time is 10 minutes past scheduled game time. The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to the start of every game. Coaches, umpires, and scorekeeper should then agree on the game time and record it in the score book.
2. A team will begin the game with ten (10) players. Four outfielders will be used in all games that start with ten players. A team may begin a game with less than ten players (no fewer than 8). A team will not be penalized with automatic outs if they start with less than ten players. If the 9th or 10th player arrives after the game has started they may enter the game at the end of any half-inning and must enter the batting order in the 9th or 10th spot. There will be a limit of five (5) runs scored an inning. Play will cease as soon as the 5th run of an inning crosses the plate.
3. The ten run rule is in effect after four innings. (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead) No Leading Off, and "No 3rd Strike Foul is an out". Stealing will be allowed. A runner may not lead off or leave the base until the pitch crosses the plate.
4. Rules will be governed by the NSA rule book with the following exceptions:
 - I. The pitching distance for Girl's Softball is 40'. A pitcher should use a "windmill" delivery.
5. Catchers are required to wear all protective equipment.
6. No players are entitled to "run over or knock-down" other players regardless of whether they are playing offense or defense. Base runners must slide, return to another base, or give themselves up to be put-out to avoid unsportsmanlike contact. Defensive players may not be blocking base paths or bases without the ball. Incidental contact may and can occur without penalty. The penalty for unsportsmanlike contact will be declaring the player out or safe, and if the contact is flagrant, the player will be ejected from the game. Coaches must control the actions of their players and respect umpire decisions.
7. Rainouts will be rescheduled for Saturday mornings by the Rec. Dept. Coaches should contact the Rec. Dept. after 4:00 pm on game days (if needed) to see if their game has been cancelled due to weather and check on rainout make-up times. CALL THE HOTLINE 893-5707
8. At the beginning of each game each any player who shows up is listed in the batting order, but only ten (10) players can play defensively.
9. An 8' circle will be around the pitchers mound. Time will be called when a defensive player has control of the ball inside the circle.

Points of Emphasis

1. Games will last 6 innings or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
2. There is a 10 run rule after four innings. (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead)
3. Third strike foul is not an out. (unlimited fouls)
4. There is an infield fly rule.
5. Pitching distance is 40 feet.
6. Pitcher must start with both feet on the rubber.
7. No player may steal home at any time.

HOTLINE FOR RAINOUTS AND CANCELLATIONS - 893-5707
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