

RANTOUL RECREATION DEPARTMENT-JR. GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES- 9-10 YEAR OLDS

1. Games will consist of six innings (6) or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. 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 Diamonds 2, 3 and 4. Each player must play a minimum of three defensive innings. Game times will be designated in the Recreation Department Sports Schedule Book. Forfeit time is 10 minutes past scheduled game times. The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to the start of every game. Coaches, umpires, and the 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 ninth or tenth player arrives after the game has started they may enter the game at the end of any half-inning and they must enter the batting order in the 9th or 10th spot. There will be a limit of 5 runs per inning. Play will cease as soon as the 5th run crosses the plate.
3. The ten run rule is in effect after four innings. (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings if the home team is ahead.) No leading off, no "third strike foul is an out", and no infield fly rule.
4. Rules will be governed by the IHSA. rule book with the following exceptions:
 - I. The pitching distance for Jr. Girl's Softball is 35'. Modified pitching will be used with the strike zone from the armpits to the knees. A pitcher is encouraged to use a "windmill" delivery.
 - II. All Players that show up at the game will be listed in the batting order, but only ten may go out and play the field.
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. Rain-outs will be rescheduled for Saturday mornings by the Recreation Dept. Coaches should contact the Recreation Department after 4:00 PM on games days (if needed) to see if their game has been cancelled due to weather and check on rain- out make-up times. CALL THE HOTLINE 893-5707

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Games will last 6 innings or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
2. There is a 10 run rule after 4 innings. (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team is ahead)
3. Develop more than 1 pitcher
4. No infield fly rule

HOTLINE NUMBER FOR RAINOUTS AND CANCELLATIONS - 893-5707

RANTOUL RECREATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE - 893-5700