



## Recreation Girls Softball (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*Please inquire with each individual city about how teams are formed, divided, and regarding team uniforms, as different rules may apply.*

### **Rules and Guidelines:**

High School Softball rules will govern play with the following modifications:

- A. No new inning after 70 minutes. If the home team is batting at the 70 minute mark and CANNOT score the necessary runs to win the game, the game will end. Otherwise the game will continue until the home team either scores the winning run or 3 outs are achieved. Games called for weather or other reasons will be an official game after 60 minutes or 4 innings.
- B. Mercy rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
- C. No automatic out will be in effect if there are 8 or more players. 7 players would constitute one automatic out. Less than 7 players will be a forfeit. If a team forfeits twice in a season that team will be dropped from the league. This includes regular season and tournament. A 5-minute grace period will be given at the start of each game if necessary.
- D. Home team will be determined by the league schedule. Home team will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- E. There will be a 6 run offensive limit. The last play will be live. This will allow more than 6 runs to be scored. Once the play is completed teams will switch. No extra innings will be played during the regular season.
- F. 10 players will be allowed on defense. The 10<sup>th</sup> player must play in the outfield.
- G. Free defensive substitutions. Pitchers may return to the pitching mound once if left on defense.
- H. No infield practice is to be held before game time.
- I. Players and coaches will not be allowed to trade any player(s) to a different team. The Recreation Staff reserves the right to check a player's identity with the roster at any time. Any player found participating, which is not on the official team roster, will forfeit the game for the team he/she was playing on. If a team is caught a second time their team will be dropped from the league or tournament with no refund.
- J. Good sportsmanship is required from all coaches, players, and spectators.
- K. We encourage all players to slide to avoid collisions and contact. A player is out when they do not legally slide or attempt to get around a player who HAS the ball and is ready to make a tag. If a player does not slide and the umpire feels that interference occurred as a result of such conduct, the runner is out.
- L. **Forfeits:** Please do everything you can to avoid forfeits. Forfeited games will not be officiated. **After a 2<sup>nd</sup> forfeit the team will no longer be eligible for tournament.**
- M. Coaches must play all their players on their roster. Late players will be placed at the bottom of the line-up.**

**Tournament Specific Rules:**

Same rules as the regular season will apply with the following modifications:

- A. International tie-breaker rules will be enforced, if needed, to determine a winner.
- B. Home team is the higher seeded team [lower number].
- C. "If" game: Home team will be the team that won the first championship game.