

## 2009 GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES – B-TEAM

1. The maximum grade a girl may be in to play “B” League is 6<sup>th</sup> grade of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the season of play.
2. NO metal spikes allowed only rubber spikes permitted.
3. No stealing is allowed. The runner may lead off when the ball crosses the plate. Sliding is permitted.
4. Infield fly rule does not apply.
5. Moderate pitch, not exceed 4 ft. \* Moderate pitch is defined as anything but windmill, where the arm can only go past the hip once in the forward direction. The pitcher must start with one foot on the rubber and one foot must remain on the rubber throughout delivery. The strike zone shall be from the knee to the armpit.
6. The home team shall furnish a new YELLOW 12 inch ball. A double first base is also required.
7. The “B” team games are 6 innings. No new innings shall start after 1 ½ hours; if 4 complete innings have been played or there is a 15 run deficit after 1 ½ hours of play. Rain games shall go a full 4 innings.
8. Fifteen minutes late by either team constitutes a forfeit.
9. The home team will furnish a home plate umpire and the visiting team the base umpire. Umpires must be a minimum of 16 years old. Ground rules will be discussed with the umpires and coaches before the start of the game. Coaches will discuss a call during the game with the umpire.
10. The distance from the pitching mound to home plate will be 37 feet from the back corner of home plate to pitcher mound (will try for 1 year and reevaluate at the Fall meeting.)
11. All teams shall wear the complete catcher’s gear; mask, helmet, chest protector and shin guards for all games. Helmets are mandatory for batters and runners and are to remain on until the player is off the playing field.
12. A batter hit by a pitch shall not advance. If the player, after being hit by a pitch, wishes to be taken out for only that at bat, she may do so without penalty and may re-enter the game upon her next at bat. Batters are not allowed to step on the plate while batting.
13. Bat throwing is not allowed. An individual shall be warned the first time, the second offense is an out.
14. In order to call a time out, the ball has to be in the infield and forward motion must be stopped. Judgment is up to the umpire.
15. A foul tip on the third strike, which is caught, is an out.
16. Outfielders must play at least 15 feet behind the base line.
17. A team shall consist of a minimum of 9 players. A maximum of 13 players may be on the field at one time. Each girl must play a minimum of one full inning. Every girl bats before the lineup is repeated.
18. A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch \* in no more than a maximum of three innings per game. In the event of extra innings during tournament \* or league play, a pitcher shall be allowed to re-enter the game, provided she has had one inning of rest from pitching her third inning in the game and

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- then may pitch a maximum of three more innings, before having to rest another inning.
19. The pitcher will receive no more than 5 warm up pitches each inning except for the first inning.
  20. Team rosters must be sent to the league secretary by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the season. Include the player's name and telephone number. If a player moves into the area after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, that player may be added to the roster. Failure to turn in the team roster by the third week of play will forfeit your team's eligibility to receive the sportsmanship award.
  21. NO jewelry will be permitted.
  22. Once a team has batted through the lineup, no new batter may be added to the lineup.
  23. Chin straps MUST be worn at all times.
  24. Tournament will be Double Elimination.
  25. There will be a \$15 late fee if League fees are not in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of play and will forfeit playing in the League tournament.