

NILES PARK DISTRICT

2017 FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

3rd- 4th Grade

1. GAMES

- A) 6 inning game.
- B) 3 outs or 5 runs ends an inning.
- C) Last inning will be unlimited runs scored. Both coaches and the umpire must state which is the last inning before the 1st pitch of that inning as the time limit may come into effect.
- D) No new inning can start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. All games will have a 2 hour time limit.

2. BASES

60 Feet

3. LEAD OFFS OR STEALING

No stealing. Lead-offs are allowed any time after the ball crosses home plate.

4. ADVANCING HOME

Runners can only advance home on a batted ball or bases loaded HBP.

5. SLAUGHTER RULE

10 runs after 4 complete innings

6. DROP THIRD STRIKES

No

7. INFIELD FLY

No

8. BUNTING

- A) Bunting and fake bunting is allowed.
- B) Fake bunting and swinging is not allowed. The batter will be called out.

9. OVERTHROWS

No advancing on overthrows to 1st base.

10. BATTING ORDER:

A continuous batting order will be used. All players attending the game must be in the batting order. Players arriving late must be added to the end of the batting order.

11. PLAYING TIME

Every player must play in at least 3 of the 6 innings. No player can sit out 2 consecutive innings and no player can sit out twice before everyone has sat out once.

12. BEGINNING A GAME

A game may begin with 7 players. When any additional player arrives they will be added to the bottom of the order.

13. PLAYERS ON FIELD

10 players on the field. The 10th player **must begin in the outfield grass** prior to the pitcher's delivery. Once the pitch is released they may move to any part of the field.

14. PITCHING RULES

- A) Max of 3 innings per game. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. A pitcher does NOT have to pitch in consecutive innings in the game. A pitcher taken out during an inning may NOT return that inning.
- B) Pitching distance is 35 feet.
- C) If a pitcher hits (2) batters in one inning she must be removed as a pitcher for the rest of that inning. If a girl hits (3) batters over the course of the game, she'll be removed as pitcher for the rest of the game.
- D) If a batter is hit by any pitch including a ball that bounces, they will be awarded 1st base. If a ball rolls and hits a player or the batter makes no attempt to get out of the way they will not be awarded 1st base. If a girl makes little or no attempt to get out of the way the umpire will call it a ball and his decision in not to be argued.
- H) Pitchers must begin motion with both feet in contact with the rubber. No step back is allowed.
- I) Coach Pitch – After ball 4 the coach will come into pitch. The strike count remains the same and the batter has a max of 3 pitches to put the ball into play or strike out. If the batter fouls off the 3rd pitch or any pitch thereafter the at-bat will continue.
- J) All pitchers must wear a pitching mask.

15. DEAD BALL

The play will be called dead once the ball is in possession of an infielder in the infield. If the infielder is acting as a cut-off and there is a runner more than half way the play will continue but if no runners make an attempt at advancing the play will be called dead. This will be an umpire discretion call and not to be argued.