

NILES PARK DISTRICT
2017 FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS
7th – 8th Grade

1. GAME LENGTH

- A) 7 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 & STEALING After the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

4. SLAUGHTER RULE 10 runs after 5 complete innings

5. DROP THIRD STRIKES Yes

6. INFIELD FLY Yes

7. BUNTING A) Bunting and fake bunting is allowed.

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

8. OVERTHROWS Runners advance at their own risk.

9. 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. A player arriving after the 1st pitch of the 4th inning will not be allowed to play.

10. PLAYING TIME Every player must play in at least 3 of the 7 innings. No player can sit out 2 consecutive innings and no player can sit out twice before everyone has sat out once.

11. 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.

12. PLAYERS ON FIELD 9 players on the field.

13. PITCHING RULES A) Max of 4 innings per girl per game.

B) One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.

C) A pitcher does NOT have to pitch in consecutive innings in the game.

D) A pitcher taken out during an inning may NOT return that inning.

E) Pitching distance is 43 feet.

F) 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.

G) 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) All pitchers must wear a pitching mask.