

NILES PARK DISTRICT
2017 FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

K – 2nd Grade

1. GAMES

- A) 6 inning game.
- B) 3 outs, 5 runs or once through the batting order 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 or leadoffs.

4. ADVANCING HOME

Runners can only advance home on a batted ball.

5. SLAUGHTER RULE

No slaughter rule. Games will be played until time limit occurs.

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 any 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) Coaches pitch from 32 ft mound.
- B) The coach will have a maximum of 5 pitches to their own batters. If a girl fouls off a ball with 2 strikes she can continue her at-bat until she strikes out or puts the ball into play.

If a coach decides to let a girl pitch then:

- A) If only one team wants a girl to pitch then she would pitch to her own batters. If both teams have girls pitch then they would pitch to the opposing team.
- B) Max of 2 innings per girl.
- C) 32 feet
- D) If a girl pitches there are no walks. Once ball 4 is thrown the coach will come in and pitch. The count remains 3-0, 3-1 or 3-2. The coach has a max of 3 pitches until the batter puts the ball into play or strikes out.
- D) A fielding mask must be worn.

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.