



KAYSVILLE RECREATION - 12U - GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

League Rules 2019:

This league will follow USA Softball rules except as noted below.

1. Coaches will be responsible to know and understand USA Softball rules.
2. A playing schedule must be kept. There will be no grace period for the start of the game. If a team has less than 8 players at the game starting time, the game is a forfeit. A team may play with eight players but will be assessed an out every time the 9th. There will not be a punishment for not having a 10th player. If you have ten players, 10 must play in the field and bat.
3. All line ups (with names and numbers) must be turned into the official scorekeeper five minutes before game time. There are no exceptions to this rule.
4. All games are 5 innings or No new inning will start after 70 minutes, whichever occurs first. Games can end in a tie.
5. **Runs per inning Rule:** *5 run rule per inning.* After the 5th run is scored, the teams will switch offense/defense. Any subsequent runs scored on the same play as the 5th run, will also count. Example: If offense has scored 4 runs in the inning, new batter hits a 3-run home run, all runs on the home run will count.
No "Open Inning."
6. Every player will be in the batting order. If a player is late, they will be added to the bottom of the batting roster. *Coaches must inform the umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team of the player being added. Players must play at least every other inning.
7. Ten players will play on defense with the 10th player being an outfielder. Outfielders will play at least 15 feet behind the baseline.
8. There will be free substitution in the defensively. Batting orders must remain the same, unless adding a new player to the bottom of the lineup.
9. USA Softball Pitching Rules will govern. If a coach has an issue with how the pitcher is pitching, they must address the umpire and the opposing coach only. The umpire's judgment will prevail as to compliance. The opposing coach will not say anything directly to the pitcher.
10. There will be no dropped third strike.
11. There will be a mandatory sliding rule at home plate. If there is a play at the plate and the runner does not slide, she will be called out. Defensive player must be able to attempt to get offensive player out in order for it to be considered a play.
12. No stealing home, unless on an overthrow from the catcher to the pitcher or to an infielder. If there is an overthrow to pitcher, the ball must go past the circle. You can steal second and third base.
13. All girls must be in uniform. No jewelry may be worn. Jersey's must be tucked in.
14. Three full innings will constitute a full game in case of inclement weather. If inclement weather prevents the play of the game, the game will be rescheduled.
15. Home team will occupy the third base dugout.
16. An umpire decision may not be protested unless a rule has been violated. If there is a question about a rule interpretation, the game will be declared "protested." The score book will be updated to show the exact circumstances. The game will continue until completion. The coach is responsible to file a written protest to their city's league director within 48 hours.
17. **PICK UP RULE:** When a team cannot field 10 players, a player may be picked up under the following rules. Failure to follow these rules will result in a forfeiture of the game:
 - A. A team may only pick up a player from the league below.
 - B. The player must be from and registered in their own city's league.
 - C. A team may pick up as many as 3 players, but only enough to field a full team of 9 players.
 - D. Pick up players must bat at the end of the batting order and play in the outfield.
 - E. Pick up players should come in uniform, if possible.
 - F. If a player shows up then the pick-up player must sit out (this should be done at the end of the full inning).
 - G. The opposing team coach, game officials and the scorekeeper must be notified that a pick up player is being used.
 - H. Pick up players may not be used if a player has been ejected from the game.

A SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WILL BEGIN AFTER SEASON PLAY