



KAYSVILLE RECREATION – Jr High - 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 8 players but will be assessed an out every time the 9th. There will not be a punishment for not having the 10th player. If you have ten players, 10 must play in the field and bat.
3. All line ups (with names and numbers) need to be to the scorekeeper in the booth five minutes before game time. There are no exceptions to this rule.
4. All games are 6 innings or No new inning will start after 70 minutes. Games can end in a tie.
5. **Runs per inning Rule:** 7 run rule per inning. After the 7th run is scored, the teams will switch offense/defense. Any subsequent runs scored on the same play as the 7th run, will also count. Example: If offense has scored 6 runs in the inning, new batter hits a 3-run home run, all runs on the home run will count.
No "Open Inning."
6. **MERCY RULE:** There will be an 8 run mercy rule at 50 minutes or 4 innings. Or 15 runs after 3 innings.
7. 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 let the umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team know. Players must play at least every other inning.
8. Ten players will play on defense with the 10th player being an outfielder. Outfielders will play at least 15 feet behind the baseline
9. There will be free substitution defensively. Batting orders will remain the same, unless adding a new player to the bottom of the lineup.
10. 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.
11. Pitching mound will be 40 feet.
12. 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.
13. All girls must be in uniform. No jewelry may be worn. Jerseys 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. Any throwing of equipment is an automatic ejection.
17. No protests. If there is a question about a rule (not a judgment call), the game will be stopped until the situation is resolved.
18. **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