

HYSA Rookie League Softball

1. Sportsmanship is a must. Absolutely no belittling of other players' efforts. Any chatter on the field or in the dugouts must be encouragement of teammates only. Remember this is a beginner level league and we are playing to have fun and teach the girls good sportsmanship and softball skills.
2. Girls 6-8.
3. Games are up to 4 innings .Games should start promptly. Time limit is one hour and fifteen minutes. A new inning may not start after 6:20 or 7:50. Have your team ready to play; a five-minute allowance will be given.
4. There are no make-ups for games not completed due to weather or time.
5. This is a machine pitch league
6. The home team is the 2nd team listed, should take the 3rd base dugout, supply a new game ball, and report game score to league president.
7. Scores and standings will not be kept.
8. Teams play with up to 10 defensive players. Pitcher, catcher, 4 infielders, 3 outfielders, and 1 rover. You must have at least 7 players to start. If less than 7, you may borrow from other team to scrimmage. If down to less than 7 after the game starts – it's the head coach's discretion to continue.
9. A player cannot sit out more than 2 consecutive innings defensively and must play in the field at least half the game.
10. If a batter reaches three strikes they will hit from a tee.
11. All infielders cannot be closer than 5 feet in front of the baseline until the ball crosses the plate. Outfielders must be at or beyond the outfield line until the ball crosses the plate. The rover must be behind the baselines until the ball crosses the plate.
12. The team at bat continues until there are 3 outs or the entire team lineup bats once, whichever occurs first. Any late arrivals will take the last spot in the team lineup.
13. No bunting or stealing is allowed. Runners may not advance on a ball that gets past the catcher.
14. Runners cannot leave a base until the ball is hit. First offense – team warning. Subsequent offense the runner will be called out (remember we are trying to teach the girls, not win at all costs).
15. A base runner choosing to slide must slide feet first. A runner is out if she runs into a player trying to make a tag or tries to knock the ball loose. In a rundown, the base runner must remain in the baseline while trying to avoid the tag or the base runner will be called out.
16. A runner may advance at her own risk until the ball is in a fielders (any) control in the infield (fair or foul). The dirt portion of the field is considered the infield. Once a fielder has control the runners must remain at the base they are on or stop at the base they are advancing to.
17. After the third strike the batter WILL HIT FROM A TEE.
18. A runner may advance at her own risk 1 base on any overthrow that land in foul territory. Other overthrows follow the above rule.
19. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when there are 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be the last player to have made an out. This is to reduce the time it takes between innings getting on the catching gear.
20. Only softball-approved bats allowed. The game ball will be an 11-inch softball – slightly smaller than a regulation softball.
21. Catchers will wear facemasks, chest protectors.
22. All other rules – American Softball Association rules (WIAA).