

Minnetonka Girls Softball Association Rules

Machine Pitch

- Each batter will receive pitches delivered by the machine from the home team coach. If the batter does not put the ball into play within a reasonable number of pitches, the batter will then hit off of a batting tee. There will be no strikeouts.
- The batter may foul the last pitch and receive another pitch before hitting off of a batting tee.
- A ball that is hit and goes less than 5 feet in front of the plate in fair territory is considered a foul ball.
- If a batted ball strikes the pitching coach, the play will be dead. The batter and all runners may not advance, and the pitch will not be counted.
- The home team will supply the tee and game ball.
- The game ball will be a soft baseball (nine-inch circumference).
- There will be one defensive player near the pitching coach. This player may not leave the pitching area until the ball is hit.
- A base runner may not leave a base until the batter strikes the ball.
- Runners may not advance further than the base to which they were approaching once a fielder has picked up a batted ball.
- On an overthrow, runners may not advance beyond the base to which they were approaching when the overthrow occurred.
- The infield fly rule is not in effect.
- Base runners may not tag and advance on a fly ball.
- The distance between bases is 50 feet.
- The home plate umpire will remove the tee from home plate if a play is likely to be made at home plate.
- One coach is allowed in the outfield to provide instruction to fielders. Play may not be stopped for instructional purposes.
- All available players may play in the field at one time, with no more than 6 players in the infield; the rest of the players must be in the outfield, at least 20 feet behind the first-second and second-third baselines.
- There is no minimum number of players required to start a game.
- A team may score no more than 5 runs in one inning.
- The game shall end no more than 60 minutes after it begins.
- Coaches should make every effort to rotate players evenly between infield and outfield positions during a game.
- Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout and bleacher areas.