



## 2012 Silver Lake Softball 18U- SENIOR LEAGUE RULES

### PLAYING RULES:

- 1) Games are 6 innings long. Extra innings will be played to determine winner, as daylight allows. If game cannot be continued in extra innings due to darkness/weather game is declared a tie. If full inning is not completed, SCORE REVERTS TO SCORE AT END OF LAST COMPLETED INNING.
- 2) Free substitution is allowed in the field.
- 3) Base runners must slide or avoid contact on all close plays; otherwise runner may be called out.
- 4) Runners must stop when the ball is controlled in the pitching circle by the **pitcher**. ***If a runner has already started to run to the next base – they may continue.*** If the defensive team makes a throw or makes a gesture to throw or to make a play towards the runner – the ball is live. This means the runner can be thrown out or continue to advance in case of an error.
- 5) A full, continuous batting order will be used throughout each game.
- 6) In the case of a player arriving late for a game and not in the original line-up, that player may be entered into the end of the line-up and bat in that spot only.
- 7) Teams will play with 3 Outfielders spread around the outfield, NO SHORTFIELDER. All Outfielders must take their defensive positions on the OF grass (no extra infielders).
- 8) When a ball is overthrown during a play at any base, runners may advance one (1) base if ball goes out of play. If ball remains in play, runners can continue running until ball is controlled on mound.
- 9) A Game is considered complete after four (4) innings (three and 1/2, if the home team is leading).
- 10) Batter throwing Bat will be given **Warning** by umpire for 1<sup>st</sup> offense, will be **called out** on 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and **called out AND removed from batting order** after 3<sup>rd</sup> offense.
- 11) Each team is limited to five (5) runs per inning for inning's 1 thru 5, after which the team is out. There is no run limit in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or any extra innings. THERE IS NO RUN LIMIT IN ANY INNING OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
- 12) No Continuous Walks
- 13) Batters may not "show bunt, then pull back and swing". This is safety rule. 1<sup>st</sup> offense that batter is out and ball is dead. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense by same batter in that game, she can be ejected.
- 14) Each team should keep an accurate scorebook during each game.
- 15) Any team not having 7 players at 15:00 past scheduled game time will forfeit game. Coaches will do everything possible to avoid forfeiting a game.
- 16) No limit on pitcher innings.
- 17) Teams may use a replacement runner for their catcher if she is on base with two outs, in order to allow her to put on gear and reduce in between inning delays. Runner must be that team's **last recorded out**.

## **EQUIPMENT RULES:**

- 18) Team jerseys should be worn at all times
- 19) 12' Yellow, "Raised-Stitch" Softballs will be used. Game balls only, no practice or plastic coated balls.
- 20) Pitching distance. Pitching rubbers on all fields are set at **40 feet**. Pitching rubbers should be regulation 24" X 6" and secured into the ground.
- 21) Catchers must wear full equipment.
- 22) Softball bats only, no baseball bats.
- 23) Batters, base-runners & on-deck batter **MUST** wear helmet.
- 24) All helmets must have an attached face-guard (cage).
- 25) Sliding pants and/or sliding pads are encouraged.
- 26) Cleats (no metal) should be worn by all players
- 27) All fields must have a double first base installed (white/orange if possible)

## **GENERAL RULES:**

- 28) Unsportsmanlike behavior or language is not allowed.
- 29) Harassment of the opposing pitcher is prohibited.
- 30) Game results should be reported to the League by both teams, within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of game. E-Mail to [barone1077@aol.com](mailto:barone1077@aol.com) & [ssears@jordanhospital.org](mailto:ssears@jordanhospital.org).
- 31) Coaches should rake and tamp the pitching and batting areas of the field at the conclusion of each game.
- 32) Standings Tie-Breakers : 1 – Head to head record, 2- Score differential in head to head games, 3- record vs higher seeded teams, 4 – coin flip
- 33) ALL teams qualify for the playoffs
- 34) For the purpose of warming up, the designated "Home" team will have use of the ball field before game time until 15 minutes before game time. The designated "Away" team will then be allowed use of the field until game time.
- 35) In case of inclement weather during day of scheduled game, coaches should decide as soon as possible prior to game time if game will be cancelled, so that umpires and players can be notified. Home team manager will make final decision on whether to cancel game. League must also be notified.
- 36) Umpires should not have to deal with any spectator/parent problems. If a parent/spectator becomes abusive, coaches will be asked to speak with, or if necessary, remove that person from field area.
- 37) Pitchers should throw no more than 4-5 warm-up pitches between innings in order to keep game moving on schedule.
- 38) No Smoking on the field is allowed
- 39) Coaches and Umpires will make every effort to keep in-between-inning time brief, to insure that games progress at a quick pace. Players should hustle on and off field and an assistant coach should warm up pitcher as catcher is putting on equipment.

## **Player Eligibility:**

- 40) This league is open to girls residing in the member towns. Any girls in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible.
  - Players Selected for a Varsity team are not eligible for this Division.
  - Players swinging between Varsity & JV are not eligible for this Division.
  - Players that are selected for a JV or Freshman team, but are called up for a few Varsity games because of injuries or whatever reasons are OK to play in this Division.
- 41) **Pitchers** –
  - High School players who pitch on their Freshman or JV teams, **cannot PITCH** in this Division. However they are eligible and encouraged to participate and play other positions, etc
  - There is no inning restriction for pitchers (or any defensive position). However Coaches are strongly encouraged to use several pitchers during regular season games.
- 42) **Catchers** –
  - High School players who catch on their Freshman or JV teams, are eligible to catch in this Division. However Coaches are strongly encouraged to give some catching time to non-HS catchers.