



2017 Girls Shetland Rules:

1. **GAME LENGTH:** 3 complete innings or 1 ½ hour time limit.
2. **HOME TEAM:** Responsible for setting up the bases. If there are issues with the field, ie. no base post holes or hole covers, please advise the MBSA Field Maintenance crew.
3. **COACH PITCH:** Team Coaches will pitch to their own team – use discretion – pitch about 4 or 5 times and if the player doesn't connect then use the batting tee.
4. **INNINGS:** Every player on the roster will bat – the last batter for that inning is the “home run” batter and the players run all the bases once the last batter hits the ball. Make sure all of the players have the opportunity throughout the season to be the “home run” and leadoff batter.
5. **POSITIONS:** Make sure everyone has an opportunity to play each of the positions – have a defensive player next to the Pitching Coach to act as the pitcher in the game. Coaches will play pitcher and catcher positions.
6. **SAFETY:** Make sure defensive players are paying attention before the ball is put in play. Also, make sure that no player has a bat unless they are at the plate or in the on-deck circle. Be aware of players walking near or around the on-deck circle so that nobody is hit with a bat.
7. **OUTS:** In the instance where the defense makes an out by catching a fly ball or tagging a runner, all players will remain on base and are considered safe.
8. **OUTFIELD HITS:** Use discretion, but teach players to run to second base and congratulate them for great hits.
9. **SCORING:** There is no scoring in the Shetland Division, however, treat each player who runs across the plate like they just made the game winning run. Make it fun.
10. **LOCK THE FIELD BOX:** Home Managers are responsible for ensuring the lock-box is secured at the end of each game. If equipment is damaged or missing, please contact the MBSA Field Maintenance crew.
11. **HAVE FUN!** This age is all about the basics and having fun while learning the game.

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