

# Bluffton Youth Sports



## Darlings Local League Rules

1. All Dixie Softball rules will apply with the following exceptions and notations. This league is an instructional league and it should be used to promote fundamentals and not winning.
2. The first scheduled game of each day will have a 15-minute grace period; otherwise game time is forfeit time. 5:30 is game time. (Note: grace period DOES count towards time limit. The only exception will be at the fault of the umpire or field prep)
3. Each game shall have a 1 hr. time limit. No inning is started after this time limit has elapsed from the start of the game. No new inning will be started after 9:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Tie games and incomplete games will be made up at a later date if necessary.
4. The home team will be the official scorekeeper.
5. The batter will be warned once for slinging the bat. The second time it occurs will result in the batter being called out.
6. All players are required to play at least every other inning in the field. No player is to sit on the bench for two consecutive innings. (Exception: disciplinary action agreed to by parent and coach) A coach may be suspended for not complying with the participation rule.
7. On defense, the “player pitcher” must have one foot in the ten-foot circle when the ball is being pitched and may tag runners out. The Pitcher is required to attempt to field any throw that comes within the circle. All play is stopped when the ball is returned to the pitcher. Any thrown ball that comes through the ten-foot pitchers diameter and missed by the pitcher will also stop play.
10. If a team does not have enough players (**8**) to play a scheduled game due to a school function or a school holiday, the coach of this team must give 7 days notice in writing to Bluffton Youth Sports. Otherwise the game will result in a forfeit.
11. Minimum number of players for a regulation game is eight (8). Less than 8 will result in a forfeit. If a team has (8 or 9) players instead of the required (10) to play a scheduled game, the (8 or 9) player team may borrow a player(s) from the opposing team’s non starting lineup to fill its required roster. If the (8 or 9) player teams 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> player arrives the borrowed player(s) will return to her team. The borrowed player(s) must still play her required 2 innings or the remainder of the game for her original team and will be placed at the end of the offensive lineup for her team.
12. No intentional walks. No intentional rolling of the ball.
13. Any player, coach, or spectator that is removed from the game by an umpire or Bluffton Youth Sports will be suspended for the teams next scheduled game. A second offense may result in the coach, player or spectator being suspended indefinitely. The umpire has complete jurisdiction of the field until he has left the parking lot. All code of conduct rules will apply.
14. Pitching requirements will follow the tournament rules and regulation for Dixie Darlings. The exception to the tournament rules is that if the coach pitcher is pitching to a batter and the batter does not hit the ball within five (5) pitches then the ball will be placed on a tee for the batter to hit.
15. Runners may advance one base on an overthrow to first or third base. A player may advance as many bases as possible if the throw occurs at second.