

YGSA REC LEAGUE RULES

RULES FOR 2ND - 4TH GRADE DIVISION

ALL RULES ARE ASA FAST PITCH RULES UNLESS NOTED HERE

SAFETY FIRST

FIELD OF PLAY

Pitching Distance – 35 feet

Base Distance – 60 feet

GAME-RULES

*NO WALKS.

*The pitcher will pitch between 3 and 5 pitches per batter. Pitching situations are as follows:

- a) 3 strikes = batter is out
- b) 2 strikes/3 balls = 1 coach pitch
- c) 1 strike/3 balls = 2 coach pitches
- d) 0 strikes/3 balls = 3 coach pitches

*Once a pitcher reaches 3 balls to a batter, the coach will finish out the number of strikes up to 3 coach pitches.

*Every pitch of the coach is a strike, either a hit or an out. No walks. Encourage your players to swing the bat and work with your pitchers.

*A team shall consist of ten players on the field and all players must play at least half of every game in the field. Four players in the field must play outfield positions unless a team is playing with less than 10 fielders. (Infielders consist of pitcher, catcher, 1st base, second base, third base, and shortstop. All other fielders must play outfield)

*Batting line-up will consist of all girls present from each team. Everyone bats.

***All innings will consist of 3 outs or 3 runs, whichever comes first.**

*There is **no** infield fly rule in this division.

*There is no stealing in this age division. Girls should be encouraged to lead off when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

*Players should rotate in the field so that each player has exposure to each position.

*All games are double headers – time limit of 70 minutes. If time runs out in the first game, finish the inning. The second game will start shortly thereafter and consist of 70 minutes or until it is too dark to continue.

*No jewelry is allowed on field-practices as well as games. Studs may be taped.

*1st or 3rd base coaches may not come into contact with any player on the field during play.

*Umpires – 1 ASA umpire will be utilized behind the plate. The strike zone will be a large strike zone.

EQUIPMENT

*Batting helmets with a face mask (must meet NOCSAE standards) and chin straps are worn at all times when batting or running the bases at all games and practices.

- *Catchers must wear catching equipment at all games and practices.
- *Players with braces are strongly encouraged to wear mouthpieces.
- *Hats are encouraged to be worn while batting.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are provided by the league and may be kept when the season is finished. Uniforms may not be altered (only sleeves may be cut off at the seam). No undergarments showing. No inappropriate dress on the playing field. This will be decided by the umpire/coach and may exclude you from the game.

INJURIES

Each team is provided with a basic first aid kit: band aids, gauze pads, tape and rubber gloves. In case of a serious injury and parent/guardian are not present, contact necessary medical personnel. If a child is told by a doctor to sit out of practice and/or games - they will then need to bring a written doctors note saying they are o.k. to play again. Keep that note and attach it to the child's registration form.

MISCELLANEOUS

- *Coaches must bring registration/consent forms with them to all games and practices in case of emergency.
- *Coaches – please notify your commissioner of any situations that arise – medical or other.
- *RAINOUTS – will be posted on our Facebook page. This can be accessed through our website page – www.yanktongirlssoftball.com. Games will try to be rescheduled.

TOURNAMENT RULES

Play innings out after time has expired, if needed; Play full 70 minutes and finish inning; Can't end in a tie; May be continued to next day due to daylight or weather issues.

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