



# RECREATION RULES

2021

GIRLS

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**MAIN RULES**

- 1. NO STEEL CLEATS ALLOWED.**
2. AGE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF YEAR OF PLAY DETERMINES LEAGUE.
3. Misconduct, un-sportsmanship behavior, or harassment will not be tolerated within the recreational program.
4. Any violation of the code above by coach, player, aren't, spectator or Umpire may result in a suspension to be enforced by the park director.
5. Suspension may range from a game, multiple games or the entire season.
6. Conduct will be strictly enforced.
7. ALL games start at 6 pm
8. Team to right of schedule is home.
9. **Only park directors** cancel or reschedule games. NOT COACHES.
10. First and third base coaches cannot touch base runners during live action. Should a violation of this rule happens, the runner will be called out.
11. It is strongly suggested that both coaches meet with umpires at home plate to discuss rules prior start of the game.

## **BASE RUNNER RULES:**

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- \*Base runners shall not run over a defensive player intentionally. Should this happen the umpire, at his/hers discretion, shall call the runner out and ejected for the remainder of the game.
- \*Second offense during season: Should this occur for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time (same Player) said player will be ejected from the current game and suspended for the net game.
- \*Third offense during season: Said player will be suspended for remainder of season.
- \*Ejection forms must be filled in by ALL parties (coaches, umpires & directors) and submitted to parish office.
- \***Defensive players** shall not block any base ( 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or home).
- \***Defensive coaches** my stand behind outfield arc line; out of the field of play.
- \*Runners must have plate/base access. Should this occur, umpire will call obstruction and call the runner safe.
- \* All runners are instructed to slide when a play is being made.

## **COACHES**

OFFENSE: Coaches only allowed at 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base

DEFENSE: Only 1 coach allowed at dugout door.

DUGOUT: A total of 3 coaches only are allowed plus 1 scorekeeper.

**NOTE: ONLY COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT FOR SAFETY REASONS.**

## COACH PITCH GIRLS

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### RULES

\*All games begin at 6:00 pm

\*1 hour 30 minutes- Time Limit **-OR-** 5 Innings

\*Innings 1-4- 5 Run Limit; LAST inning OPEN

\* OPEN Inning- Any inning beginning after the 1 hour 15 minute mark will be designated as the open inning.

\*NOTE: Any game maybe ended by umpires, coaches, and Park Director for the following reasons:

A) Lack of a field with lights; darkness

B) Weather Conditions

C) Poor Field Conditions

D) Unsafe environment of players, coaches, umpires and Fans!

\*Player will have 6 pitches to put ball into fair play.

\*A 10' arc I front of the plate will be placed; ball must travel beyond arc to be in fair play.

\*10 Fielders: Entire line up bats with free substitution.

\*Ball- 11" soft touch safety ball.

\*It is recommended that everyone play at least 2 innings.

### DEFENSIVELY

\*Outfielders must stand beyond outfield arc until ball is put into Play.

\*Team may start with 8 players, but may not start or continue with less. (Result is a forfeit)

## THE GAME

1. Regulation game shall be five (5) innings.
2. A team's turn at bat shall terminate when a third out has been made, -OR- 5 runs have been scored.
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> inning of a regular game shall be OPEN, and each team shall be permitted to bat until a 3<sup>rd</sup> out has been made. The TEN RUN RULE shall be in effect after four (4) innings, and the Fifteen Run Rule shall be in effect after 3 innings.

## PITCHING

1. **COACHES** shall pitch a maximum of six (6) pitches to each batter
2. COACHES shall pitch from the pitching rubber.
3. COACHES shall pitch a maximum of six (6) itches to each batter. If the batter has not hit a fairly batted ball after the maximum number of pitches, they shall be declared out.

## BATTING

1. The batter is not permitted to bunt or intentionally swing easily at the ball. If a violation occurs, the batter shall be called out and the ball shall be declared dead.
2. There shall be **no infield fly rule**.
3. If a batted ball strikes the coach that is pitching, the ball is considered live and in play.
4. If coach pitching touches ball with intent, and considered improper the shall be called dead.

**BASE RUNNING**

1. Base runners shall not be allowed to take a lead or steal bases. The base runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit. If a violation occurs, the base runner shall be called out and the ball shall be declared dead. The pitch shall not count and no other base runners shall advance.
2. Once an infielder has possession of the ball inside the base path, time shall be called by the umpire and all plays shall cease.
3. When a ball is hit in the outfield, baserunners may advance. Once ball is returned to infield and in **possession of an infielder** the umpire calls time at their discretion. Umpire determines baserunner placement as per base running rules.

**PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTES**

1. Ten (10) defensive players shall be allowed on the playing field. There shall be four (4) players in the outfield.
2. Teams may have one (1) coach at each outfield foul line to help coach the defensive players. However, these coaches shall remain in the outfield in foul territory and may not advance past the base on the foul line.
3. The catcher shall wear a catcher's helmet and mask and shall have the option to use any glove. The catcher shall stand away from the plate until the batter has hit the ball.
4. All players should be in the batting line-up whether or not they are playing defense.
5. All players should play at least 2 innings.

## MISCONDUCT

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**Any player, spectator or coach** having to be ejected from a game **for any reason** will be barred from his team's next played game. If this is a player/coach and it happens again he will be dropped from the team for the remainder of the season. If elected, he must leave the playing field within one minute after being ejected.

**Cursing** and undue or continuous baiting of any official is unsportsmanlike conduct and is cause to eject player or coach from the game.

## EJECTION FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARK: \_\_\_\_\_

GAME AGE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER/COACH'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

VISITING TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ COACH: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME UMPIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

BASE UMPIRE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

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DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_