**FALL BALL RULES 2019**

* A player’s age for each Division will be determined by what age she will be playing in the next calendar year; ie: a girl who turns thirteen in 2019, will play 14U fall ball in 2019. The age of the player as of December 31, 2019 is what age group they can play in.
* Each team must have a minimum of 8 players to play. They may borrow other eligible fall ball players from team they are playing as long as the team loaning the player will have enough players left to field a team for their own games.
* Games will have a 1 hour 45-minute DROP DEAD time limit.
* The mercy rules will be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings of play.
* A continuous batting line up **can** be used in all Divisions. Free Substitution.
* 4 outfielders may be used in the 8U, 10U and 12U Divisions, for a total of 10 players in the field. All other Divisions will use 9 fielders.
* There will be a 5 run per inning limit in the 8U, 10U and 12U Divisions, with the exception of the 7th inning, where there will be no run limit. There will be no run limit in the other Divisions.
* 1 umpire will be used in all fall ball games. The cost will be paid for by the host league. The host league will also be responsible for providing 1 new and 1 good used ball for each game.
* There are no standings in fall ball and no trophies will be awarded. The intent of this program is to offer girls a FUN instructional experience that is not as competitive as summer league. To this end, if a team is found to be too competitive for the level they are playing, that team may be moved to the next higher level. Conversely, if a team is overmatched at their level, they may be moved down a level.
* 10U will play USA Softball rules (Dropped third strike, stealing home…)
* The pitching distance will be 43 feet for both the 14U divison and the 17U division
* **Teams in all Divisions: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 17U will play double headers during 4 consecutive Sundays in September and early October.**