

# Sanger Softball Association

## GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

*Agreed upon January 2018*

**These rules govern Girls Softball leagues held in Aubrey, Argyle, Sanger, Denton, Valley View, Pilot Point, Tioga, Justin and Ponder.**

In addition to the current year USSSA Girls Fast Pitch Softball Rules and Regulations, teams will abide by the following:

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#### **Playing Field:**

- Bases will be 60' apart and the official pitching rubber will be 35' from home plate.

#### **Equipment:**

- The official ball shall be an 11" fast pitch softball with a .47 core.
- Players must wear batting helmets when batting, or in the on-deck circle. Do not remove helmets until inside the dugout.
- Catchers are required to wear full protective headgear, mask, and chest protector and shin guards.
- **No jewelry**

#### **Game Play:**

- Games shall be limited to 75 minutes. No new inning shall start after time has expired. The home team will be allowed to bat and finish the inning, if they are tied with or losing within 6 runs of the visitor. Games that end in a tie will not go into extra innings.
- Teams will bat their entire roster and be allowed free defensive substitutions.
- An offensive team will be allowed to score a maximum of six (6) runs per inning.
- Nine (9) players should assume defensive positions on the field. Each team is allowed: (1) pitcher, (1) catcher, (4) infielders and (3) outfielders.
- Teams playing with only (8) eight players shall NOT incur an automatic out when the 9th batting position arises. A team must have at least (8) eight players to start a game.
- Once the ball is returned to the pitcher in the pitcher's circle, all base runners must either advance to the next base or return to the base they just came from immediately. Any hesitation or fake moves by the runner and they will be called out by the umpire.
- Base runners are allowed to leave the base only after the pitcher has released the ball.
- A player's intentional contact with an opposing player will result in the immediate ejection of the offending player. Serious infractions may result in suspension from the league. Umpires will notify a board member in the event of any ejection.
- Bunting is allowed.
- Infield fly rule will be used.
- Dropped third strike is not in affect. In the event of a passed ball on third strike or dropped third strike, the batter is out and may not advance to first.

#### **Coaching Etiquette:**

- Judgment calls made by the umpire are not up for appeal. Please do not argue with the umpires. This only delays the game and presents a bad image to the players and parents. The umpires have been instructed to warn any argumentative coach, player or parent (1) one time. After that the umpire has the authority to remove said person(s) from the park. Umpires will notify a Board Member of the ejection.
- Coaches cannot touch a base runner during live ball. Penalty; 1 is a warning, 2nd time is an out.
- Coaches and players must pick up and properly dispose of paper and trash after each game.

**Participation:**

- All coaches must abide by the player participation rule: Every girl plays a minimum of 3 innings or 35 minutes of every game.
- Teams will bat their entire roster.

**Guest Players:**

- Guest players are allowed, under the guidelines below, for purposes of avoiding forfeits and allowing kids to play ball.
- The spirit of the guest player rule is intended to allow shorthanded teams the temporary use of other league players rather than forfeit the game. This rule is not, intended to be used as a tool to exclude regular members in favor of a more highly skilled player.
- Guidelines: A coach is authorized to add up to two guest players per game, provided that:
  1. The guest players are currently registered in your own association or associations that are partnering for the season. If they are from other associations they must have individual insurance vs. team insurance
  2. The guest player has the permission of her parent(s)
  3. The guest player must wear her own team's uniform
  4. The coach must announce and identify the guest player(s) to the umpires and opposing coach prior to the start of the game
  5. Guest players can play up one age division
  6. Guest players must play outfield positions only
  7. Guest players must bat last in the batting order
  8. The guest player cannot be on the field if there is a regular roster player present and available to play