



GIRLS SOFTBALL SPRING/SUMMER 2007

BRONZE (T-BALL) DIVISION K-1ST GRADE

It is the intent of these rules to teach the youth participants the game of softball. Any action or technique that is contrary to playing the game as it is intended will be considered unsportsmanlike and will not be tolerated.

1. The philosophy of this division is to provide players with little or no experience a structured league environment that they can learn the basic skills and concepts of the game.
2. T-Ball divisions are meant to be instructional in nature. No attempt is to be made to keep score, official records of wins and losses or standings, etc.
3. Coaches will be provided with, and required to use, roster rotation forms. The intent is to insure all players the same opportunity to play a number of positions, and approximately the same amount of playing time. Individual players **may not** play the same position two consecutive innings. Coaches are required to allow all players to play the different positions.
4. There will be no umpires in the T-ball division. Coaches are responsible for the overseeing of the games. If any question or concerns come about please contact the on-site supervisor.
5. A batted ball must travel at least ten feet. If it does not, it will be considered a strike, whether it is fair or foul. Exception: with two strikes, the first ball hit less than the ten feet will be considered a foul ball, the next ball hit less than ten feet will be a strike out.
6. Intentional bunts will be ruled an out & runners may not advance.
7. The coaches shall remove the tee from home plate when a player gets a hit (coaches responsibility when he/she team is batting).
8. Overthrows: Balls crossing completely over the foul line shall be ruled out of play, base runners may not advance (unless halfway to the next base). All balls that stay within the foul lines are considered live (runners may advance at their own risk).
9. Every player that attends the game will bat. Those players who arrive late will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
10. A half inning will conclude with the end of the batting order. Play will be suspended *when either the last batter or runner is put out or play has stopped.*

11. In an inning a max of (6) players may play the infield and (4) in the outfield.
12. Coaches will be acting as umpires in the field.
12. All infielders excluding the pitcher must be positioned behind the base line and at least 5 feet from the nearest base.
13. Catchers must wear all the supplied catchers' equipment.
14. An 11 inch softie-ball will be used for the entire season.
15. No leading off or stealing will be allowed.
16. Base distance is 60 feet.
17. Game time is forfeit time. The first game of the evening will be the only game allowed the 10 minute grace period.
18. The coaches/site supervisor will have the official time for the start and completion of the game. Coaches must communicate with each other regarding any and or all game time situations.
19. T-Ball division time limit is 80 minutes, or six innings. Check with the coaches/site supervisor who has the official game time.
20. Helmets with chin straps must be worn at all times by the pitcher, catcher, all batters and base runners.
21. Only league approved softball bats will be permitted. Any bat in question should be presented to the on site league supervisor. All illegal bats will be removed from the bench and playing area.
22. The Parks & Recreation Department will provide each child a uniform consisting of a hat, shirt, and pants. Steel cleats & jewelry will not be allowed.
23. Every player that attends a game must play at least two (2) innings defensively. If a player has not been attending practices or games on a regular scheduled basis the Parks & Recreation Office should be notified.
24. Any player that is bleeding must leave the game indefinitely until first aid has been administered. A base runner may be replaced by the last person to make an out for that team.
25. When a bat is thrown, the batter will be called out at the coach's discretion.
26. Rain-outs will be called by the league supervisor. Coaches may call the concession stand from 5 p.m. until game time for rainout information (628-5947) or www.cancellation.com. The Parks & Recreation Department will re-schedule rain-outs on the earliest available date.

27. Team managers are responsible before and after a game for all players, assistant coaches, and spectators associated with their team. Abusive language and or foul actions will not be tolerated by this Parks & Recreation Department. The on site league supervisor has the authority to suspend a game for the removal of a player, coach, and or a spectator. Any person ejected from a game will have two (2) minutes to be out of sight & sound.
28. No chanting or chattering at an opposing player or team is allowed. Teams are asked to shake hands after each game under the coach's supervision.
29. All teams will consist of a Head coach and one Assistant coach. The Head coach's child will play for free as compensation for his or her coaching services.
30. The Director of Parks & Recreation has the authority to amend league rules, schedules, or league changes in order to accommodate a physically challenged participant under the A.D.A or in the best interest of the entire league.