

# 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls Rules 2021

1. Age limits: 6-8 year olds may play. Those turning 9 before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> must play at the next level.
2. Coach pitch: Five pitches maximum per hitter *or* use the Tee. Player gets five swings on the Tee as well. (Or a combination of both to the maximum of FIVE swings.) The last swing cannot be a foul or the swing does not count. **Pitching MUST be done underhand by coach**
3. Baseballs: The home team will supply a new game ball per game and it will be a rif5 or core AA soft baseball.
4. Shoes: NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED the kids must wear tennis or sneaker style shoes, and socks, no sandals may be worn.
5. Hitters: All players on the roster will bat in every game.
6. Swinging: Batters must take a full swing at the ball. (A full swing is where a batter takes a full 270 degree swing at the ball)
7. Bunting: Bunting is not allowed.
8. Thrown Bats: A thrown bat is one that is wildly propelled more than 6 feet. It is the home plate umpire's responsibility and his discretion to call thrown bats. Each team will get ONE warning of a thrown bat, any subsequent thrown bat will result in an *immediate out* of that batter and play will be suspended with no runners advancing on that play.
9. Batting helmets: any offensive player while on the field of play MUST wear Batting helmets. The league encourages full-face cages.
10. Dead ball zone: The area inside of an arc drawn from home plate between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base is to called the dead ball zone and the hit is to be a foul, unless a defensive player picks it up in the dead ball zone making the play live. The home plate umpire has the responsibility to call the ball live or dead.
11. Leading off: Leading off is not allowed. Players must stay on the base until the ball is struck.
12. Pitching: The player assigned as pitcher must stay within 5 feet of the pitching rubber until the baseball crosses home plate.
13. Suspended Play: There shall be a line with a 5-foot radius from the pitching rubber drawn around the rubber to form a 10-foot circle. Once the ball gets to the pitcher inside the circle the play shall be suspended and all runners at least half way to the next base shall have the right to advance to that base and only that base. Any runner not halfway to the next base shall have to go back to the last base they touched and shall return freely without risk.
14. Overthrows: Any ball that travels 10 or more feet into foul territory will be considered an overthrow, and runner may advance 1 base only. All overthrows on the field of play will be considered live play and the runners may advance at there own risk.
15. Number of players: Teams may have up to 10 players on the field. With 10 players there must be 4 players in the outfield. All extra players that each coach agrees to play must do so in the outfield.
16. Catchers: All players playing behind the batters must wear a minimum of a catcher's mask and chest protector, even if standing back and to the side.
17. Scoring Limits: 6 runs maximum per inning including the last inning.
18. Length of game: Games start at 6:15 pm and no new inning may start after 8:15 pm. The home plate umpire is the official timekeeper.

Ejection from the game: This Tri-county baseball program will enforce rules of fair play and sportsmanship.

Failure to follow these rules by anyone in attendance could cause a forfeit of the game. Any parent being ejected from the game shall cause his or her child to be thrown out of the remainder of that game as well. That parent must leave the area immediately. Any coach ejected will have to leave the area as well and shall be suspended for the next game as well. Players being ejected during a game will have to leave immediately as well and have to serve a one game suspension at the next game. Failing to appear for the next game will not fulfill that player's suspension.