

Kindergarten G-K Softball Rules and Regulations

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The purpose of this league: To have fun and teach the fundamentals of softball...throw, catch, bat. Please keep in mind that this may be totally new to the majority of players at this level.

The Players:

1. Players must be in kindergarten at the time of registration.
2. There will be a continuous batting order, every girl will bat each inning. Only after the last girl in the line-up has batted and the play is ruled dead, the inning is over.

Ball, Bases, Pitching Mound:

1. Teams play with an 11" inch SOFTIE softball.
2. Bases will be 50' apart
3. Coaches will pitch to each player from a pitching rubber measured 25' from the front of the pitching rubber to the back corner tip of home plate. After 3 strikes have been thrown, the player can hit from a "t" that is set on the plate. Halfway through the season, the "t" will not be used so the players can get used to hitting a pitched ball. There are NO WALKS at this level.

The Game:

1. A complete game consists of 5 innings.
2. The infield should consist of one player in each position (including a player standing near the pitcher (coach)). There is not a catcher at this level. A coach or helper should catch for your pitcher. Coaches and helpers may be in the field to give their players instructions.
3. Outs will not occur.
4. Do not keep score.
5. There will not be an umpire present at the game.

Base Running:

1. No stealing.

2. Players must learn to slide at any base (not 1st) when a play is being made at that base.
3. Once the ball is in the infield and a player has control, play must stop. Try to teach the girls to get the ball back to the pitcher because that stops the play.

Safety:

1. A game must be called if there is lightning visible or you can hear thunder. All players in the area must be moved to a safe place.
2. Any offensive players on the field must wear a helmet with a face mask. Helmets must be worn by batters, batters on deck, and base runners. Players must call time out to switch or adjust helmets after play is dead.
3. When taking warm-up pitches, all players must wear helmets with face masks.
4. The on deck batter should be warming up behind the current batter (they should not be facing the batter).
5. Throwing a bat or helmet is not allowed.
6. No jewelry or hair barrettes.
7. **Players, coaches, and assistants are the only ones allowed in the dugouts or on the fields (especially keep all children not on the team away from dugouts).**
8. Do not leave any player unattended after a game or practice. Make sure all players have been picked up before you leave the field.

Equipment:

1. Home team supplies a new “game ball” for the game. Also have a back up ball to keep the game moving in case of foul balls.
2. The league recommends, but does not require, soft rubber or polyurethane cleats. Metal spikes are not allowed.
3. Teams should look consistent in their uniforms. Shirts must be tucked in and must have numbers on the back.
4. Only ASA approved equipment may be used.
5. Call the equipment manager with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Miscellaneous:

1. Coaches and assistants (including parent helpers) **No smoking and No profanity**. If you must, remove yourself from the area of the diamonds and stands. This applies to all practices and games...**NO EXEPTION**
2. **DO NOT** practice on a field that has been lined for a game. It may be hard to find a place to practice, but you must respect the fact that another team has a scheduled game to play.
3. The board will have the right to install or revise a rule during the season as they feel necessary.
4. Violation of any of the G-K Softball rules and regulations or DeMcKane softball league rules and regulations may result in the termination of your position as coach or assistant coach.