**Rule Adoptions for Tuolumne County Girls Fastpitch**

Recreational League 2022 Season

Rule adoptions for any age group can be revised as the season progresses if safety becomes an issue.

Any additional rule revision must be approved by the board.

NSA Softball rules apply to each specific age group except as follows:

**6U Coach pitch/T-ball \*\*NO UMPIRES\*\***

❖ Each team will have a maximum of 10 players on their roster.

❖ There will be a minimum of 5 players and maximum of 10 players on the field.

❖ Coaches will bat the whole lineup each at bat.

❖ Infield will consist of the following positions only: pitcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and short stop. No

additional infield players are allowed.

❖ Those listed positions above must play the normal areas defined for those positions.

❖ Two defensive coaches and four offensive coaches are encouraged to stand in the field to

provide encouragement and help; however, they may not make contact or obstruct the

players in any way.

❖ Only league approved volunteers/coaches who are listed on the official roster can be on the

field or assist with players in any capacity.

❖ Each player must play 1 defensive inning.

❖ Players may not bunt off the tee.

❖ Players will receive 5 attempts at bat from the coach then a tee will be brought in.

❖ The coach is not required to use the windmill pitch.

❖ The ball must travel at least 1 foot from the tee, if it does not the ball is counted as a foul.

❖ Outs are recognized and the player is to return to the dugout however, the out will not be

recorded.

❖ Play stops when the pitcher has the ball.

❖ No extra bases for overthrows and Stealing is not allowed.

❖ At bat is not complete until the ball is put into play.

❖ A batter and any runner on the base may only advance one base on a hit. No doubles or extra bases.

❖ The last batter will clear the bases while the defense throws the ball to first base then to the pitcher. The defense remains on the field until the bases are clear.

❖ Runs are acknowledged but will not be recorded and score is not kept.

❖ All plays at first or second base will be called by the first base coach. Plays at third will be

called by the third base coach. Any girl that is even close to safe is safe.

❖ For safety purposes, plays at home are not allowed.

❖ Girls that are out should leave the field as they would at any other level of play.

❖ There is no limit to the number of outs in an inning.

❖ Defensive players will return to the dugout after the last batter has run the bases or is tagged

out.

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**8U: Player Pitch/Coach Pitch \*\*Only 1 Homeplate UMPIRE\*\***

**\*8u players will pitch from 35’ (may use the front of the circle if pitches are consistently short)**

❖ Each team will have a maximum of 12 players on their roster.

❖ There will be a minimum of 6 players and **maximum of 9 players on the field**.

❖ Coaches will bat ½ the lineup each at bat.

❖ Infield will consist of the following positions: pitcher, catcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and short stop. \*No additional infield players are allowed.

❖ Those listed positions above must play the normal areas defined for those positions.

❖ The outfield can have no more than 3 players.

❖ The pitcher stands with both feet in the pitcher’s circle when the coach is on the field.

❖ Two defensive coaches are encouraged to stand in the field to provide encouragement and

help; however, they may not make contact or obstruct the players in anyway.

❖ Only league approved volunteers/coaches who are listed on the official roster can be on the

field or assist with players in any capacity.

❖ Each player must play 1 defensive inning.

❖ Players will receive 3 pitches from the pitcher, if the ball is not hit, the coach will come in to

pitch and finish the count.

❖ There will not be any walks, the ball must be put into play.

❖ Outs are recognized and player is to return to the dugout however, the out will not be

recorded.

❖ Runs are acknowledged but will not be recorded and score is not kept.

❖ Play stops when the pitcher has the ball in the pitching circle.

❖ No extra bases for overthrows.

❖ Stealing is not allowed.

❖ A batter and any runner on the base may only advance one base on an infield hit.

❖ If the ball reaches the grass, the player may take 2 bases.

❖ The last batter will only run until put out by the defense, not to exceed the two-base limit.

❖ Defensive players will return to the dugout after the last batter has run the bases or is tagged

out.

❖ Players are encouraged to slide.

❖ Coaches may use any part of the pitching circle to pitch the ball.

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NSA Softball rules apply to each specific age group except as follows:

**Ages 10 and under: Player Pitch \*\*2 UMPIRES\*\***

**\*10u players will pitch from 35’**

❖ Each team will have a maximum of 14 players on their roster.

❖ There will be a minimum of 7 players and **maximum of 9 players on the field**.

❖ Every player will bat. If there are 12 players for the game, all 12 are on the batting lineup.

❖ Only league approved volunteers/coaches who are listed on the official roster can be on the

field or assist with players in any capacity.

❖ Borrowed players must be approved by coaches or present board member. The borrowed

player must be from the opposing team.

❖ No more than 2 borrowed player per game. You cannot have a borrowed player if you have 9

legal players unless there is an injury. Player will need to be approved by coaches or present

board member.

❖ 3rd strike drop rule is in effect- That is when the catcher drops the ball on the 3rd strike, the play then becomes “live”. The batter then gets a second chance to run to 1st base, but only if 1st base is vacant or there are two outs.

❖ Sliding is mandatory at 2nd, 3rd, and Home if it will interfere with a play. NOTE: A defender can NOT be in the basepath without the ball or it is obstruction. It is at the umpire’s discretion to determine intent or negligence by the runner and/or defender.

❖ Players may steal ALL bases.

❖ Pitchers will pitch, there is no coach pitch.

❖ We encourage the girls and coaches to have the girls swing the bat so there will be a bigger strike zone than in tournament play.

❖ If a batter is hit by the ball, the play is considered dead and the player is awarded the base, unless it occurs while swing at the pitch. \*If the home plate umpire rules that the batter did not attempt to avoid the pitch, and does not award the batter first base, then it will not count as a hit batter and the pitch will be counted as a ball.

❖ If a pitcher hits 4 batters in one inning, the pitcher must be replaced for the remainder of that inning. The pitcher may return to pitch subsequent innings.

❖ A pitched ball bouncing on the ground and then hitting the batter on the foot should not be

considered as “hitting the batter”, unless the umpire rules that the ball is thrown with such

force that the batter had no time to react to avoid being hit.

❖ Bunting and slap hitting are encouraged.

❖ A 3 run rule will be in effect- When a team scores 3 runs ahead of the other team the ½ inning is over. This is to keep the game moving. Example: Team A has 3 runs Team B can then score 3 ahead of them for 6 runs and so on.

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NSA Softball rules apply to each specific age group except as follows:

**Ages 12 and under: Player Pitch \*\*2 UMPIRES\*\***

**\*12u players will pitch from 40’**

❖ Each team will have a maximum of 14 players on their roster.

❖ There will be a minimum of 8 players and **maximum of 9 players on the field.**

❖ Every player will bat. If there are 12 players for the game, all 12 are on the batting lineup.

❖ Only league approved volunteers/coaches who are listed on the official roster can be on the

field or assist with players in any capacity.

❖ Borrowed players must be approved by coaches or present board member. The borrowed

player must be from the opponent.

❖ No more than 2 borrowed player per game. You cannot have a borrowed player if you have 9

legal players unless there is an injury. Player will need to be approved by coaches or present

board member.

❖ A 5 run rule will be in effect.

❖ A team may only go 5 runs ahead of the opposing team.

❖ 3rd strike drop rule is in effect

❖ That is when the catcher drops the ball on the 3rd strike. The play then becomes “live”.

❖ The batter then gets a second chance to run to 1st base, but only if 1st base is vacant or

there are two outs.

❖ Sliding is mandatory if it will interfere with a play. It is at the umpire’s discretion to make the call.

❖ Players may steal ALL bases.

❖ Pitchers will pitch, there is no coach pitch.

❖ We encourage the girls and coaches to have the girls swing the bat at all balls in the

strike zone.

❖ If a batter is hit by the ball, the play is considered dead and the player is awarded the base. If

the home plate umpire rules that the batter did not attempt to avoid the pitch, and does not

award the batter first base, then it will not count as a hit batter and the pitch is counted as a

ball.

❖ If a pitcher hits 4 batters in one inning, the pitcher must be replaced for the remainder of that inning. The pitcher may return to pitch subsequent innings.

❖ A pitched ball bouncing on the ground and then hitting the batter on the foot should not be

considered as “hitting the batter”, unless the umpire rules that the ball is thrown with such

force that the batter had no time to react to avoid being hit.

❖ Bunting and slap hitting are encouraged.

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**Ages 14 and under: Player Pitch \*\*2 UMPIRES\*\***

**\*14u players will pitch from 43’**

❖ Each team will have a maximum of 12 players on their roster.

❖ There will be a minimum of 7 players and **maximum of 9 players on the field**

❖ Every player will bat. If there are 12 players for the game, all 12 are on the batting lineup.

❖ Only league approved volunteers/coaches who are listed on the official roster can be on the

field or assist with players in any capacity.

❖ Borrowed players must be approved by coaches or present board member. The borrowed

player must be from the same age group.

❖ No more than 1 borrowed player per game. You cannot have a borrowed player if you have 9

legal players unless there is an injury. Player will need to be approved by coaches or present

board member.

❖ A 5 run rule will be in effect.

❖ A team may only go 5 runs ahead of the opposing team.

❖ 3rd strike drop rule is in effect.

❖ That is when the catcher drops the ball on the 3rd strike. The play then becomes “live”.

❖ The batter then gets a second chance to run to 1st base, but only if 1s t base is vacant or

there are two outs.

❖ Sliding is mandatory if it will interfere with a play. Discretion is at the umpire’s call.

❖ Players may steal ALL bases.

❖ Pitchers will pitch, there is no coach pitch.

❖ We encourage the girls and coaches to have the girls swing the bat at all the balls in

the strike zone.

❖ If a batter is hit by the ball, the play is considered dead. The player is awarded the base. If

the home plate umpire rules that the batter did not attempt to avoid the pitch, and does not

award the batter first base, it will not count as a hit batter and the pitch is counted as a ball.

❖ If a pitcher hits 4 batters in one inning, the pitcher must be replaced for the remainder of that inning. The pitcher may return to pitch subsequent innings.

❖ A pitched ball bouncing on the ground and then hitting the batter on the foot should not be

considered as “hitting the batter”, unless the umpire rules that the ball is thrown with such

force that the batter had no time to react to avoid being hit.

❖ Bunting and slap hitting are encouraged.

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**GAME DAY ETIQUETTE**

**ALL GAMES HAVE A TIMELIMIT**.

Weekday games have a max time of 75 minutes for ALL age groups.

90-minute games apply to Saturday games for the 6u to 10u age groups.

4 innings or 120-minute games apply to Saturday games for the 12u and 14u age groups.

**GAMES WILL NOT EXCEED THE MAX TIME LIMIT**. Innings may start prior to the max time, but shall be discontinued once the max time limit is reached regardless of if a batter is in the middle of an at bat. This must be strictly adhered to in order to comply with our agreement with Standard Park and not be charged for additional use.

Since this is a developmental league, use as much time as possible, even if you can only complete a partial inning. For scoring purposes, the final score will revert back to the last full inning of play completed.

**READING THE SCHEDULE**

**AWAY vs. HOME**

If the schedule says **14v17,** Team 14 is the AWAY team and Team 17 is the HOME team

If the schedule says **18 v AMA**, Team 18 will play against AMA softball @ Copello Field in Angels Camp. Copello Field rules may vary. Please be flexible and respectful of their field

**Home team**

Use 3rd base line dugout

Infield warmups 15 min. before game start time (Only home pitcher can use mound at this time)

**Visiting team**

Use 1st base dugout

infield warmups 30 min. before game start time (Only visiting pitcher can use mound at this time)

Out of play areas (between fields) are recommended for warmups while games are concluding and being tended to. Stay off the field for the 15 minutes during the other team’s infield warmups utilizing the outfield and out of play areas for batting, fielding and pitching.

Note: Infield warmups are subject to temporary closure for watering, chalking lines, and moving mounds by Standard Park Personnel.