

## **Softball Rules**

No keeping score

Each game will last 3 innings or an hour and 15 minutes (if teams are bumping up against the deadline stop the game at 2 innings)

After the game every one lines up to shake their opponents hands

No making fun of other players or teammates at any time

Coaches should be aware of who their best hitters are in order to warn the other team when they are coming to up to bat

### **First Half of the Season**

#### **Batting**

Each inning starts as soon as in the incoming team is ready to bat (no extended warm-ups)

Every one hits each inning

Coaches pitch to batters with 8-ball limits (after eight they hit off a tee)

Every batter gets to first automatically on a hit (fielders should still play the ball for the out)

Batters can advance one base only on a hit

No stealing

Base runners must stay on the bag until the ball is hit

Batters must wear helmets at all times

No tagging up to score from third

### **Second half of the season**

#### **Batting**

Coaches pitch to batters with 5-ball limits (after 5 they hit off a tee)

Fielders play batted balls for outs (three outs achieved by the fielding team and the teams switch sides)

Batters can advance one or two bases on a hit

No stealing

Base runners must stay on the bag until the ball is hit

Batters must wear helmets at all times

No tagging up to score from third

**Last game of the season**

Teams keep score (five run per inning limit)

Players can advance after a hit as far as they can go

No stealing

No tagging up from third