

Clarence Girls' Softball League

DIVISION RULES - MINOR

Clarence Girls' Softball League uses the Official Softball Playing Rules as adopted by the *Amateur Softball Association of America*.

I. GENERAL

- A) Players in Kindergarten or 1st grade are eligible for the Minor Division. Exceptions to this will be made with the agreement of the Minor Division Coordinator and the CGSL Board of Directors. Kindergarten players should have at least one year of softball experience. As an optimum, each team should consist of 10-12 girls.
- B) Good sportsmanship is the rule at all times, including players, coaches and spectators. There is no official score. There are no restrictions on the number of players needed to field a team.
- C) There will be 3 innings with a 120-minute time limit for all games. Time will be kept by the coaches.
- D) The home team, designated on the schedule, will have the following responsibilities:
 - 1. Sit on the first base side
 - 2. Provide games balls
 - 3. Teams are expected to be present regardless of weather conditions unless by mutual prior agreement by the coaches and approval of Division Coordinator. Once a game starts, rain outs will be declared mutually by the coaches.
- E) Any fan yelling or being a deterrent of play must be handled by the coaches. If the spectator(s) do not stop after two warnings, the game may be forfeited the game to the opposing team. Spectators (not affiliated with a team) causing a disturbance will be approached by both coaches to resolve the problem. The Division Coordinator should be made aware of any issues immediately following the end of the game.
- G) Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed at all CGSL games.

II. BATTING

- A) All players on the roster will bat every inning. The batting order will be reversed each inning. Outs will be completed and taught but not recorded (all runners reach base).
- B) All players must wear batting helmets when batting, on base and on deck.
- C) Batters will have a **maximum of ten** opportunities to hit the ball. Coaches will pitch underhand 15 feet from home plate with an assistant coach catching. Coaches should not assist on defensive plays. If the batter fails to hit the ball into play within

the first ten pitches the batter is out.

- D) There will be no balls or strikes and no walks. The batter will be out if she fails to hit a ball into the field of play after ten swings. Coaches shall keep track of the number swings, announcing when there is one remaining.
- E) If the "coach-pitcher" is hit by the batted ball, "no pitch" will be declared. The batter will return to the batter's box and all base runners will return to the base held at the time of the pitch.
- F) Bunting is not permitted. Hits not going past the batter's box will be called foul.
- G) No leadoffs or stealing. Runners must remain on base until the ball is hit.
- H) All players will bat every half inning. The final batter of the inning is the "Home Run Hitter" who will advance four bases and reach home plate to end the half inning.

III. DEFENSE

- A) In the defensive alignment, there will be no catcher. Infield will consist of two pitchers on either side of the circle, a first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, third baseman. All other players will be positioned in the infield and outfield (the entire roster plays defense). Players must be rotated to play all infield and outfield positions equally with no player positioned in the infield more than 2 innings.
- B) The defensive play ends with a force out or fly out, runners remain on the bases to which they would advance. Outs will be completed and taught, but not recorded.
- C) The infield fly is not in effect.
- D) "Non-pitcher" coaches may position themselves anywhere on the playing field for instructional purposes but shall not interfere with the play in any way.

IV. UMPIRES

- A) Coaches are to work together as umpires.

V. POST GAME

- A) At the end of the game players will exchange a handshake as a gesture of good sportsmanship.
- B) Each coach is responsible for the proper condition, cleaning, adjustments, safety concerns and accounting of league equipment. If replacement of equipment is needed, coach shall contact the Equipment Manager. Each coach must return **all** league property at the end of the season

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