



BIG LAKE

8U (2nd/3rd grade) In-house League Rules and Regulations 2010 Summer Season

General Rules:

- 1) This league is for the girls to learn the game of softball and have fun.
- 2) All team members must get equal playing time.
- 3) Each coach and parent is to be a good example for the players.
- 4) No jewelry is allowed during games or practices.
- 5) Equipment:
 - a) Players will wear a league t-shirt, tucked in.
 - b) Players must wear tennis shoes or RUBBER cleats.
 - c) Batters, base runners, and on-deck batter must wear helmets at all times.
 - d) Catchers must wear a helmet with mask, chest protector and shin pads.
 - e) Only league-approved aluminum softball bats are allowed.
 - f) An 11-inch ball will be used.
- 6) The home team will provide two new game balls, bases and umpire (parent volunteers).
- 7) Game start times are 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday or Thursday nights. Big Lake practices and games will be at the Liberty Elementary Fields. Practice times will be 6-8:00 on the other Tuesday/Thursday that there is no game.
- 8) Games will consist of 7 innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes, whichever is less. Any inning started must be finished (even if batting team can't win the game.) There is to be no tie breaker unless both coaches and umpire agree unanimously to play one more inning.
- 9) For safety reasons, two coaches or parents at all practices. Any adult on the field must sign authorization for BLFPA to run a background check.

Game Rules:

- 1) Games will be played with 9 or 10 players in the field.
- 2) Every player bats in a continuous order. If players come late they are to be placed at the end of the batting order. No batter can hit twice until everyone has batted.
- 3) A half inning ends at the earliest of 3 outs or when 5 runs are scored.
- 4) Base length is 60 feet.
- 5) Pitching mound is to be placed at 35 feet.
- 6) Players can play each position a max of 3 innings per night. Pitchers can only pitch 2 innings per night.
- 7) No stealing.
- 8) Only batter and on-deck hitter should be swinging bats.
- 9) Collision avoidance is mandatory. Sliding is recommended but not required. An umpire can call a runner out if she could have avoided a collision.
- 10) There are no walks. After 4 balls are pitched by player, then the coach of the batting team steps in and continues the at-bat, the strike count remains the same. A player can strike out. The coach must pitch with reasonable speed, keeping in mind the emphasis is on the players hitting the ball.

Hitting Rules:

- 1) Bunting is not allowed.
- 2) Batters cannot advance on a dropped third strike.
- 3) Batter may take first base after getting hit by a pitch, but to do so must have made an effort to avoid the pitch. This is up to the discretion of the umpire.
- 4) Throwing of the bat results in a warning the first time, then an out. A bat is deemed thrown if it hits a player or flies more than 8 feet.

Fielding Rules:

- 1) When a ball is overthrown and goes out of play, players can only advance one base.
- 2) Infield fly rule does not apply unless umpire feels the ball is dropped on purpose.
- 3) If a play is being made on a base runner, they are not to continue running past the base in which the play was attempted.

Umpire Rules:

- 1) Umps are to be at least 15 years old.
- 2) Must have a general understanding of the game.
- 3) Judge fair and impartial.
- 4) Keep control of the game.
- 5) Multiple umpires may be used to assist out in the field.
- 6) Umpire may stand behind the pitcher if necessary.

The Rules and Regulations above shall govern. For all other rules of softball ASA rules should be followed when possible, keeping in mind these are girls under 8 years old.