BRAZOS VALLEY girls SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

USA Softball rules apply unless modified below - MUST play by rules defined

BVGSA MODIFIED RULES 8U DIVISION

Line-Up Card	Line-Up/Game card (provided by home team) must be completed and turned into the official at pre-game meeting at home plate. ALL players name and number must be listed on the game card. There is no penalty if a player's number is incorrect or for duplicate numbers. If a player is absent or not playing, mark through that player's name and play with no penalty to the team. If a player arrives late she will assume her spot in the line-up with no penalty to the team.
Warm Up	Teams may warm up on the field prior to the start of the game. Both teams must have an opportunity to warm up on the infield. When a game is in session, no other teams may warm-up on the game field.
Game Time	60 minute time limit. When time expires: **1**. If **home team** is ahead and batting - hard stop at end of current batter. **2**. If **visiting team** is ahead and… **2A**. the home team IS NOT mathematically eliminated, play continues until a team is mathematically eliminated; home team goes ahead or inning is complete. **2B.** the home team IS mathematically eliminated - hard stop at end of current batter. No extra innings, the game can end in a tie.
Run Rule Limit & Outs	5 run limit or 3 outs per inning per team; whichever occurs first
Coaches	Defense coaches-may be on the field during play, must spread out. Offensive coaches can only be in the coaches box & at pitcher, if a coach is behind home plate they can not coach only help speed the game along by returning the ball to the pitcher. No coach can have contact with the players.
Players/Injured Players	A team must have at least six (6) players to play (no penalty). If a player is injured, the player who made the last out may take her place on base. If pick-up players are used, please refer to by-laws for guidelines. If less than (6) roster players, they may choose to still play but the final score will show a forfeit.
Positions	Only six (6) players are allowed to play in the infield (this includes the catcher). A team can play up to four (4) outfielders and they must be in the grass until the ball is batted into play.
Coach Pitch	The coach pitcher must pitch from 30' naildown rubber. The coach pitcher will pitch up to five (5) pitches, unless the 5th is foul (see batter rule below). Ball size used is 11".
Batter	There will be a ball/strike count kept. A batter will have up to 5 pitches to hit a fair ball or she will be called out. Three (3) missed swings is an out. Should the batter foul off the 5th or 6th pitch, she will be given a 7th pitch. If the batter has still failed to hit a fair ball, she is out. No Bunting. No Slapping.
Mandatory Defensive Player Rotation	All players can play defense or free substitutions. No player may be on the bench for two (2) consecutive innings, except for injury or disciplinary reasons. No player can be on the bench twice in one game before all other players sit on the bench at least once.
Mandatory Batting Order	All players bat. Coaches will develop a batting order for the first game and follow that order for the entire regular season. The on deck batter at the conclusion of the game is the leadoff batter for the next game. ***Coaches are allowed one batting order change during the regular season.***
End of Season Tournament	All players bat. *Coaches may change their line-up at the start of the tournament from the regular season and may change it one (1) time during the tournament.*
Base Running	Runners may lead off once the ball leaves the coach pitcher's hand; however, they cannot steal. Umpire will call time for dead ball when the defense has stopped the lead runner OR pitcher has control of the ball in the circle. Any player that has not reached the halfway mark when time is called must return to the previous base. OVERTHROW: There is a one-base limit on overthrows from throws made to a base from the **initial play** off the **batted ball**.
Stealing/Infield Fly	No Stealing & No Infield Fly Rule
Chanting	Chanting in the dugout is allowed. Teams are not allowed to chant any derogatory chants or make comments toward the other team.

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