

# 2007 Frederick County Girls Softball League

## 10 & UNDER RULES

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1. A regulation game is 6 innings. A complete game consists of **four** (4) full innings or **three and one-half** (3 ½) innings, if the home team is ahead, or when the **two** (2) hour *rule* has been reached. Once top of inning starts, it must be completed in full, unless the home team is ahead. (see General Rules A-5)
2. The batting order will consist of all players at the game, and will run in a continuous order. Each team is allowed to substitute fielders freely throughout the game.
3. If pitchers hit any 3 batters in one inning where 1<sup>st</sup> base is awarded they must be removed for that inning as pitcher. If pitcher hits 3 more batters in another inning where 1<sup>st</sup> base is awarded they will be removed from the game altogether (pitching position only).
4. An inning will end in any one of the following ways:
  - a. When **three** (3) outs are made.
  - b. When **five** (5) runs are scored. (Innings 1 – 5 only, suspended in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning)
5. Pitchers are allowed to use “slingshot” or “windmill” delivery styles.
6. NO “Dropped Third Strike” rule.
7. NO stealing allowed. (Base runners may take a lead as soon as the ball leaves the pitchers hand)  
Guide Lines: A lead can be a maximum of **ten** (10) feet. Runners may not exceed this lead limit, however fielders can make a play and attempt to tag out a runner who has led off the base. If an attempt is made to tag out a runner leading off, the runner may retreat to the base but cannot advance on the play.
8. NO “Infield Fly” rule.
9. The defensive team in the field may have two defensive coaches in the outfield. They must stay in the outfield equal to or beyond outfielders when the ball is in play. The offensive team at bat may have a base coach for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
10. Face Masks are required for all batting helmets on 10u team.