

TINLEY PARK SOFTBALL
2016 GIRLS RULES
5-6 YEAR OLD PIXIES

1. Games are scheduled for 1 hour time limits. No standings are kept. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour of play. No game shall continue more than six (6) innings. No slaughter rule or protests allowed at this division. PIXIES ARE FOR THE KIDS TO LEARN AND HAVE FUN! No standings are kept.
2. Field dimensions: baselines are 45 feet: and the distance from the pitching rubber to the apex (back point) of home plate is 28 feet.
3. The home team is responsible for setting up and taking down the field and supply of on 11" safety softball game ball, as well as ensuring all field equipment has been out back in the field box and the box has been properly locked. In the case of inclement weather, the home team manager is responsible for notifying the visiting team of the game postponement and rescheduling the make-up game. All rescheduling should be done through your League Rep, for field availability.
4. WEATHER: If lightning is sighted in the distance coaches immediately determine to continue or not. Do not just call it if lightning is in the distance. Make good judgment, player safety should always be considered.
5. No game shall be forfeited due to an insufficient amount of players. If at all possible, the game should be played. An official game may be played with eight players. Players from the opposing team may play a defensive position to fill the minimum eight positions.
6. Each player will play a minimum of four (4) full innings in the field. The players will be rotated to a different position (or sit out) each inning. Do not sit players two (2) consecutive innings. No player can play the same infield position more than two (2) innings in a game (that means a minimum of three (3) players at each position per game.) All players will play the infield at least two (2) innings in each game. Through the course of the season each player should be rotated to every position.
7. Each player must wear a complete uniform:
 - a. gym shoes, softball spikes. No metal cleats, dress shoes or sandals allowed. **NO SPIKES ALLOWED ON CHALLENGER FIELD.**
 - b. Each player must have a glove
 - c. bats must be "Official Softball bats"
 - d. No jewelry allowed
 - e. The pitcher and 1st baseman must wear a helmet.
8. Fielders may not block a base/plate unless he has the ball. Outfielders must be at least 15 feet beyond the base paths.

9. All teams will use a continuous batting order (all players bat regardless if they are playing in the field or not). Batting out of order is not strictly enforced, especially when a player is in the restroom. As soon as the player returns to the bench, she should be the next batter. Resume the regular lineup from there. Deliberate batting out of order will be handled under regular softball rules. Remember, the only one hurt by the deliberate change in order is the player.

10. All batters and base runners must wear batting helmets until they cross home plate and enter the dugout. Should a base runner's helmet fall off, she must continue to the base she is heading to. If the helmet is deliberately thrown off, play stops and runners advance to the base(s) they were headed

11. A coach of the batting team will pitch to the hitters during the entire game, and the regular Tee-ball rules will still apply. Each hitter is allowed **5 pitches**. If after the **5 pitches** the ball is not hit fair the ball is placed on the tee for the hitter and the game continues. The coach may not field the ball except to protect a player. The defensive team will provide a pitcher to stand next to the coach on her glove side

12. A ball must travel more than ten (10) feet to be considered a hit. Less than ten (10) feet will be considered a foul ball. Use good judgement.

13. The batter is to be warned once by her coach for throwing the bat (each time at bat). The second time during an at bat the batter is called back to bat again and the runners return to their original positions. A batter should not be called out unless it occurs every swing and the game is delayed.

14. The following hitting/base running rule is to be used to promote base running awareness and outfield/infield skills.

- a. On a soft/medium hit ground ball the hitter may try to advance one base (single).
- b. On a hard grounder or low line drive down the line or in the hole the batter may try to advance two bases (double).
- c. On a hit over the infielder's head where the ball stays in front near the outfielder, the hitter may try to advance two bases (double).
- d. On a hit over the infielders head that clearly gets by the outfield the hitter may try to advance three bases (triple).
- e. Runners on base at the time of the hit may advance as many bases as the hitter is entitled; if a runner takes too many bases, send him back.
- f. The defense should attempt to put out any advancing runners.

NO BASES AWARDED FOR OVERTHROW. The defense should try to make the play.

- g. No delayed running is allowed. Once the ball is in the infield the play is dead.
- h. If a hit is a close call, the coach will choose the conservative option.
- i. If a runner overruns another runner, send her back to the last base of the possession and explain the rule to him.
- j. No running on Overthrows or extra bases given when the ball goes out of play.

15. Base runners are NOT permitted to steal or lead off base. Penalty: Play stops, and re-play.
16. A coach may not physically assist a runner running the bases.
17. When a runner interferes with a fielder fielding a batted ball, the runner is out.
18. When a fielder not fielding the ball interferes with a runner, the runner is safe and allowed the base he was heading to.
19. A coach or older child is used to field the catching position. The catcher CANNOT enter the field of play. There are no plays at the plate. Put outs will only be allowed in the field of play. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure this rule is understood by the catchers, players, and parents.
20. There is NO:
 - a. infield fly rule or dropped 3rd strike.
 - b. Bunting allowed
 - c. No hit by pitch while coach is pitching
21. There is no limit on the number of foul balls hit by the batter.
22. Chatter is permitted: however no one is allowed to tell the batter when to swing. Good Sportsmanship is expected of all players and coaches. Blatant disregard of Good Sportsmanship warrants immediate removal of the player for the remainder of the game. Additional penalties may be assessed against the player upon review by the Bobcats Organization.
23. These rules are in addition to ASA Softball rules.