

## 2011 RECREATION LEAGUE RULES Midway Girls Softball

| Rule  | 6U        | 8U        | 10U        |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Official pitching distance  | N/A       | 35'       | 35'        |
| Minimum number of defensive innings per player  | 3         | 3         | 3          |
| Minimum number of defensive infield innings per player ( <b>*player opt-out for 14+</b> )   | 1         | 1         | 1          |
| Maximum defensive players (6 infield maximum)   | All       | 10        | 10         |
| Minimum number of players to start a game   | 6         | 7         | 8          |
| Time limit  | 1.5 hours | 1.5 hours | 1.5 hrs    |
| Maximum number of runs per inning, excluding final inning. Umpire will declare play dead once limit is met                              | 4         | 4         | 4          |
| Pitchers use during games: Must use at least one other pitcher for one complete inning  | N/A       | Optional  | 2          |
| Maximum number of runs scored due to unintentional walks  | N/A       | N/A       | 4          |
| Bunting allowed   | No        | Optional  | Unlimited  |
| On dropped third strike, batter entitled to 1st base when 1st base unoccupied or when there are two outs                                | N/A       | No        | Yes        |
| When base on balls, live ball, one base without liability, batter can continue to 2nd if 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> unoccupied | No        | No        | Yes        |
| Number of additional bases allowed on misplaced attempt to put out the stealing runner  | N/A       | N/A       | 0          |
| Stealing home is allowed (*unless play is initiated by catcher such as picking off the runner)  | No*       | No*       | 1 x/inning |
| Infield fly rule in effect  | No        | No        | No         |
| <b>Courtesy runner provided for the next inning's catcher when on base with two outs</b>  | <b>No</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

### League Rules for ALL Age Groups:

- In the case of suspended games, the game will not be restarted at the beginning.
- Each player will have a position in the batting order.
- The game will consist of 7 innings (10s and lower play 6); an official game can be considered at 5 innings.

### Special Rules

- **6U/8U:** Batter entitled to 5 strikes per at bat. The strikes can be called strikes or swinging. One base per attempt. If the ball is a clean hit to outfield, 2 bases can be taken.
- **6U/8U:** Each player is permitted to play the pitcher, **catcher**, and first base positions one time per game. 1.5-hour game limit or 5 innings, whichever occurs first.
- **10U:** Players will pitch only and except for few rules' modifications listed above, **Pony rules apply. No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes. 4 run limit per inning with unlimited in last inning.**
- **13U/14 +:** **Except for participation rules with batting, pitching and fielding. Runs are 5 per inning with last inning as unlimited. Pony rules apply for all areas of game play. No new inning will be started after 1 hour 30 minutes. The umpire will have official time.**