

Mid Kansas Recreation 3rd and 4th Grade Girls' Softball Rules

- **General Rules**

- Age is determined by grade completed.
- Game Length
 - 5 innings or 60-minute time limit, whichever occurs first.
 - Any inning that has begun will be completed with the exception of the drop-dead time limit.
 - No new inning will start after 55 minutes.
 - The drop-dead time limit is 1 hour and 15 minutes. If this time is reached, the game is immediately ended.
- Score can be kept.
- An inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs.
- Run rules will be as follows...
 - 12 runs after 3 innings
 - 10 runs after 4 innings
 - 8 runs after 5 innings
 - Play can continue after a run rule, however, if both coaches agree to keep playing.
- Teams must have a minimum of 7 players to play a game. If a team does not have 7, it may borrow players from the opposing team to play the game.
- Field Dimensions
 - 60 foot basepaths
 - 35 foot pitching distance
- An 11" softball will be used.
- Safety bags will be used when present.
- No chanting is allowed once the pitcher is in the circle.
- No walkup music is allowed.

- **Batting**

- Every batter present will be in the batting order.
- No walks will be allowed. After the 4th ball to a batter, a coach will then give the batter two additional pitches. If the batter does not hit either of these pitches in fair play, she is considered out.
- There are unlimited foul balls.
- Batters hit by a pitch are awarded first base.

- **Defense**

- Ten players will take the field on defense - catcher, a pitcher, four infielders and four outfielders.
- All players must play at least two defensive innings each game.
- Time will be called when an infielder has control of the ball and all play has been completed.
- A coach is allowed on the field, but should not interfere with play.

- Outfielders must start the play in the grass.

- **Base Running**

- Stealing is not allowed.
- No base can be advanced except on a fair ball hit.
- Runners must not leave the base until the ball is hit. If the runner does leave early, time will be called and the play will be re-played.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher of the batting team if she reaches base. The courtesy runner will be the last batter to make an out. If there are no outs in the inning, then the batter who made the last out of the previous inning will serve as the courtesy runner.
- The dropped 3rd strike rule is not applied.
- The infield fly rule is not applied.
- Runners are allowed a limit of 1 base on an overthrow.