

## Mid Kansas Recreation 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Softball Rules

- **General Rules**

- Age is determined by grade completed.
- Game Length
  - 5 innings or 90-minute time limit, whichever occurs first.
  - No new inning will start after 1 hour, 20 minutes (80 minutes).
- Score will be kept.
- A game can end in a tie.
- An inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs.
- Run rules will be as follows...
  - 10 runs after 4 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
  - 43 foot pitching distance
- A 12", .47 core, optic (yellow) 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.
- Music is allowed between innings, but the coach of the team playing music is responsible that it is appropriate.
- Metal cleats are allowed.
- No mound will be used.

- **Batting**

- Every batter present will be in the batting order.
- Bunting is allowed.
- All batted balls are live, regardless of the distance it is hit.

- **Defense**

- Nine players will take the field on defense.
- All players must play at least two defensive innings each game.
- Outfielders must start the play in the grass.
- A pitcher may be removed from the pitching position and come back to pitch in the same game.

- **Base Running**

- Runners may steal any base/plate.
- Runners may steal the next base/plate once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. If a runner leaves early, they will immediately be called out.
- Runners can advance to home on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- Runners may not intentionally distract the pitcher. If this occurs, the player will be given a warning on the first offense, then called out on the second offense.
- Crash plays are not allowed and the offending player is called out and ejected from the game if it does occur.
- 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" will be enforced.
- The infield fly rule is in effect.
- Runners are allowed a limit of 1 base on an overthrow.