



DEEP RUN VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION
2024 Lady Lightning Softball
8U Dewdrops Division Rules

1. 10 players on field (4 outfielders must start each play on grass).
2. Continuous batting order
3. Coaches must rotate players on the field every inning, so that no player plays more than one inning per game at the same position on the field.
4. 3 outs/inning or all batters bat 1 time/inning, whichever comes first. ****First 4 games****- if runner is out they are removed from the base but the team still bats through the lineup. 3 outs will be in effect for the remaining games.
5. Games are 6 innings long. No inning can start after 90 minutes.
6. No player should sit out more than one inning at a time. No player should play the outfield more than two innings.
7. Sliding is allowed and encouraged.
8. Bunting is allowed and encouraged, but you **MUST** announce to the other team that you are bunting.
9. No standings will be maintained.
10. Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
11. No stealing.
12. No walks or strikeouts (ball must be put in play).
13. Free substitution.
14. Coach Pitch – Coaches pitch to their own team 6 pitches per batter, then batting tee is brought out. **PLEASE DO NOT VARY FROM THIS RULE.** A foul ball does not constitute a pitch.
15. Score is not kept.
16. Defense may have two coaches on the field (one if left center and one in right center field). Coaches shall not touch the ball; they may only provide direction.
17. The last batter does not run all the way around the bases (i.e., she stops at the base they reach before the ball is returned to the coach pitcher).
18. If a solid double or triple is hit, it should be run out. Common sense should rule when teams are short of players. Unattended fields should be deemed as a single base per hit area.
19. All batters/runners must wear an approved helmet at all times with chin strap and face mask.
20. No throwing of bats is permitted. 1 warning will be issued; further infractions will result in ejection of the player.
21. No advancement on an overthrow.
22. Pitchers, first, and third basemen must wear a defensive mask for protection
23. Home team is responsible for field prep before games. Visitors will drag and rake field after game.
24. No warm up swings are permitted.
25. All bats must be ASA/USSSA approved.

All Teams will play a total of 9 games.