







# **GOLDEN STRIP 12U SOFTBALL RULES**

## **Age Divisions**

- Fall age as of April 30th of next year
- Spring age as of April 30th of current year

### **12U Player Pitch**

- 1. Baselines shall be 60 feet
- 2. Pitching distance shall be 40 feet. 10 foot circle.
- 3. The maximum number of runs per half inning is 5
- 4. 12-inch Softball
- 5. All teams will bat a continuous batting lineup. Every player in attendance should be listed on the lineup card. Free defensive substitution.
- 6. 10 players will be allowed on the field at one time. 6 player max in the infield, 4 in the outfield
- 7. Drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule is in play.
- 8. Baserunners may steal any base including HOME once the ball crosses home plate. NO leadoffs.
- 9. No bat restrictions
- 10. No headfirst sliding
- 11. No inning may be started after the 1 hour 20-minute mark. Innings must be completed after time expires. In case of inclement weather games will be considered final after 3 complete innings or 1 hour.
- 12. No pitcher may return to the mound after being pulled from pitching in the same game
- 13. Mercy Rule is 15 after 3. 10 after 4.

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

 All players, coaches, and parents are expected to always behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The umpire's judgment calls are not to be argued. Any player, coach, parent, or fan whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will be warned and may be removed from the playing field or the game site.

#### **EJECTION**

• In all age groups, the first ejections result in suspension for the rest of the game and tournament. The player or coach must leave the game site, which includes the parking lot, in which the ejection occurs.

#### **FORFEITS**

• If a team must forfeit a game for any reason, the score shall be recorded as the number of innings in a complete game to zero (0). Example: The score for a forfeited 10U game would be recorded as 6-0.