

## **OSAA GIRLS BRONCO (6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Grade) League Rules 2020**

**\*These are IN ADDITION to the OSAA Softball General Rules\***

The Bronco League is for girls in the 6th or 7th grades as of the current school year. This league plays on a field with base distance of 60 feet, and distance from pitching rubber to home plate of 40 feet. A 12-inch regulation size softball is used in this league. Special rules apply to this league as follows:

### **1. TEAM:**

Each team will field 10 players (4 outfielders) when possible. A minimum of 7 of their own players must play or the game will be declared a forfeit. A team may borrow up to two players to field a 9-player roster. Borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat at the bottom of the batting order. No batting penalty for playing with less than 10 players.

### **2. GAME:**

A game will consist of 6 innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes (80 minutes) and finish the inning. No new inning may start after 80 minutes. The only time a game is called at 80 minutes drop-dead is if there is a game behind it and one of the teams is ahead by more than six (6) runs (which is the maximum runs you can score in one inning in Bronco Softball), or the home team is batting and they are ahead at the 80-minute time limit. ***An inning will consist of 3 outs or 6 runs maximum whichever comes first. A new inning begins as soon as the third out is made or the 6<sup>th</sup> run is scored in an inning.*** Games tied at the end of the time limit will end in a tie unless it is the last game of the day and BOTH coaches want to continue the game. ***Run rules will apply and are as follows: 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.***

### **3. PITCHING/CATCHING:**

In an effort to develop more players in these positions, the following rules will be used. Pitchers and catchers will be allowed to pitch and catch no more than two (2) consecutive and a maximum of three (3) innings in a game. For purposes of enforcing this rule, an inning is defined as making an appearance at these positions during one turn of the team playing the defensive position. Coaches are responsible for monitoring this. Unintentional violations of this may be corrected by substituting a player without penalty.

### **4. BATTING/BASE RUNNING:**

Batter is out on a dropped 3rd strike. The infield fly rule is not in effect (all fair balls will be played). A runner is allowed to advance one base on an overthrow that leaves the field of play. ***Stealing of any base is permitted. Inning ends with 6 runs scored maximum.***