

# Minor A SOFTBALL

In addition to the Little League rules the following also apply. \*All the Great Falls Leagues have adopted these rules.

**\*\*\*There MUST be 1 adult in the dugout at all times!! No exceptions.**

## PITCHING

- Refer to Rule VI – Pitchers and Rule 8.00 – The Pitcher. You must follow these rules as written. No exceptions.
- Teams will use 11” softball (yellow).
- No adult can “warm up” a pitcher. A player must be wearing at least a catcher’s mask to warm up pitcher.
- Pitchers cannot warm-up outside of the enclosed field. They are only allowed to warm up when they enter the game.
- Pitcher will pitch from 35’ or 40’.

## BATTERS

- Batters may not run on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
- Refer to Rule 6.00 – The Batter
- Innings end when 3 outs are made or 10 runs have been scored, whichever comes first. Losing team has the option to concede the game before 6 innings are played. (Local Rule)

## BASE RUNNING

- The runner must stay in contact with the base until the pitched ball reaches the batter.
- Any runner is out when they slide headfirst while advancing. Refer to Rule 7.08.
- Any runner is out when they fail to keep contact with the base until the ball has been batted or reaches the batter. Refer to Rule 7.08.

## OTHER

- **PLAYING TIME:** Every player must participate in each game for a minimum of 6 consecutive defensive outs and bat at least 1 time for regular season (unless deemed otherwise due to board approved disciplinary reason). Players are required to play a minimum of 3 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat for Tournament. Tournament Rule 9.
- **DEFENSE**
  - A team may play with 8 players. Playing with fewer than 8 players counts as a forfeit.
  - **Must be one adult in the dugout at all times.**
- **OFFENSE**
  - Offensive team may have 2 adult base coaches. If there is only 1 adult base coach, the other base coach must be a player in uniform and wearing a helmet.
  - Base coaches may not physically assist base runners.
  - **Must be one adult in the dugout at all times**
- **UMPIRES**

**Every League will try to provide umpires, if none are available:**

  - The hosting team is responsible for umpiring games.
  - Only 1 umpire (plate umpire) will be required for regular season games.
- No new inning can begin after 8:00pm on school nights
- There may be an end-of-season city tournament with local leagues depending on the weather.