

2017 JURUPA GIRLS SOFTBALL Spring House Rules

6U - Division:

OFFICIAL GAME PLAY

- 1 hour and 15 minutes, drop dead.

- Home team occupies 3rd base dugout.
- Visitor team occupies 1st base dugout.
- Each game will be monitored and officiated by a designated board member or umpire.
- All rules will be enforced by the designated board member or umpire.
- All rules will be honored and adhered to by both teams. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Designated board members have the authority to excuse any manager, coach, team mom and/or parent from a game in which either is interrupting or impeding the progress of the game.

FIELD SET-UP

Both team managers and/or coaches shall share the responsibility of field set-up, to include chalk lines, on-deck circle, pitcher's circle, batter's box and arc.

- All bases shall be secured at a distance of 60ft, one from another.
- Pitcher's mound shall be secured at a distance of 30ft, from the back of the plate to the front of the mound.

OFFENSE

Batting line-ups shall be provided by both teams.

- Batting order shall be maintained at all times.
- COACH MUST PITCH FROM THE PITCHER'S MOUND AT ALL TIMES.
- No walks.
- No infield fly rule.
- No base stealing.
- Batter is awarded one base on an overthrow to first base.
- Ball is in play when hit off the coach or tee and travels past the designated arc in front of the batter's box.
- A hit ball that does NOT pass the designated 10 foot arc is ruled a foul ball. Batter continues at-bat.
- A batter continues her at-bat if she repeatedly hits the ball foul. However, batter is out after 3 strikes or after 3 completed tee attempts without contact.
- Play is dead on ANY fielder's ATTEMPT to throw the ball back to the pitcher's circle.
- Games played on **February 25 thru March 15, 2017** shall adhere to the following rules: During the first inning of play, ALL PLAYERS WILL BAT in batting line-up order, **round robin style**, regardless of outs. Only 5 runs will be counted, regardless of how many runs actually cross.
- Every inning after the first, players will bat in batting line-up order, 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first.
- Each batter will be given 3 coach pitches. If the batter does not hit a coach pitch she will be allowed to hit off of the tee, until contact is made.

DEFENSE

Infield must maintain 5 set positions at all times: pitcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, and shortstop.

- When batter is hitting off of coach pitch, pitcher must have one foot in and one foot out of the outlined pitcher's circle, and must stand to the right or left of the coach pitching.
- When batter is hitting off of the tee, pitcher is to remain ANYWHERE within the outlined pitcher's circle until the ball is hit.
- Player playing the pitcher position is NOT required to stand on or near the mound.
- Catcher position is OPTIONAL.
- All players not in the set 5 infield positions must play the outfield.
- Outfielders are to be a minimum of 10ft behind the baseline
- Batter is awarded one base on an overthrow to first base.
- Play is dead on ANY fielder's ATTEMPT to throw the ball back to the pitcher's circle.

Games played on **March 16, 2017 thru April 30, 2017** shall adhere to the following rules:

NO round robin during the first inning.

- Every inning, all players will bat in batting line-up order, 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first. Batting order picks up where it left off at the end of each inning.
- Each batter will be given 3 coach pitches. If the batter does not hit a coach pitch she will be allowed 3 attempts off of the tee. If no contact is made after 3 attempts, batter is out.

ALL GAMES 8U - 14U shall be 1 hour and 20 minutes, no new inning.

8U - Division:

- Coach/player pitch - Girls begin to pitch, and typically coaches will assume the pitch count after 4 balls (i.e. no walks) for the first half of the season. If a batter is hit during player pitch, the count is reset and coach pitch occurs. Coaches must pitch from the mound only. No bunting is authorized during coach pitch. The second half of the season there is no coach pitch (Spring season only - Winter season will require Coach pitch the entire season)
- Coaches and Managers are authorized on the defensive field of play in the outfield only for the first half of the season.
- There are pitching limitations 6 inning per week per 2 games, 9 innings per week for 3 games
- 5 runs ahead rule – USA Softball mercy rule applies
- Pitching distance is 30'
- This division uses a 10" RIF safety ball.

10U - Division

- Player pitch only
- Pitching distance is 35'
- Pitching limitations is 8 innings per 2 games or 1 week, 12 innings per week for 3 games
- 5 runs ahead rule – USA Softball mercy rule applies
- Scores / standings are kept in this division
- This division uses an 11" RIF-10 softball.

12U Division

- Player pitch only

- Pitching distance is 40'
- No Pitcher limitations
- 7 runs ahead rule – USA Softball mercy rule applies
- Scores / standings are kept in this division
- This division uses a 12" Dream Seam softball.

14U Division

- Player pitch only
- No Pitcher limitations
- Pitching distance is 43'
- No run rule – USA Softball mercy rule applies
- Scores / Standings are kept in this division
- This division uses a 12" Dream Seam softball

MISCELLANEOUS

- Both team managers and/or coaches shall share the responsibility of field set-up, to include chalk lines, on-deck circle, pitcher's circle, batter's box and arc.
- All managers, coaches and team moms must wear league badges at all times.
- All managers are responsible for maintenance and clean-up of dugouts at the end of every game.
- All managers are responsible for maintenance and clean-up of spectator areas at the end of every game. Please encourage parents to help.
- All managers, playing the last game of the day/evening, are responsible for breaking down the field.
- All bases and pitcher's mound must be removed from the dirt and placed at the 3rd base dugout.
- Any person and/or player ejected from any game shall serve a mandatory one game suspension at the next regularly scheduled game.
- Final records shall denote placement for End of Season Tournament
- All scores are required to be sent to Curt Pieson – JGS BoardMember within 48 hours following each game.
- All teams must bat the entire roster each game. No player shall sit more than 2 consecutive innings on defense if she is capable of playing (non-injury, etc.).
- In the event of a team picking up another player, the player must be a registered Jurupa Girls Softball player for the 2017 Spring season. Additionally, managers must utilize pickup players at the bottom of the lineup AND in outfield positions only.