

## **RYBS Girls Majors League Rules 2022**

### **Game**

1. Games will consist of 6 innings **OR** a 1 hour 30 min time limit. Drop dead time at 1 hour 30.
  - A new inning may not start after 1 hour and 15 minutes, unless the game is tied.

\*\*\*This year with the addition of a late game we will start game 1 on diamond 6 at 5:30-7:00, The second game will start at 7:15-8:45. The first game will need to be done at 7:00 to ensure we get started with the second game promptly. We will use a drop dead time limit at 7:00pm.

2. No automatic forfeit for not having enough players.

### **Players**

1. No jewelry allowed, including fitness trackers.
2. Players must wear tennis shoes or shoes with rubber cleats. No metal cleats.

### **Defense**

1. 10 Players allowed on the field to play the game , only 6 infielders (which includes the battery.).
2. Each player must play 6 defensive outs.
3. A pitcher can throw 3 consecutive innings per game. \*\*\* Ripon has very young pitchers and not enough to adhere to this rule. In an effort to keep games moving and limit pitches for the player. After 3 walks in an inning coach pitch will proceed to finish the count. When a coach is pitching, no stealing.
4. The Pitcher must complete pitching to a batter before they can be replaced. \*\*If the pitcher is having difficulty throwing strikes, or throwing erratically not near the plate please replace her to keep games moving.
5. The catcher must wear all of the catcher's gear, to include face mask, chest protector, and shin guards. Catchers must also be in a correct catchers crouch. If they are not, the equipment will not protect them.
6. Free substitutions of players
7. Infield fly rule applies.
8. NO DROP THIRD STRIKE RULE, Batter is out.

### **Offense**

1. The only offensive players allowed on the field are the base runners, batter, and an on deck batter (in a circle behind the batter)
2. An offensive inning is 3 outs, or roster batted. (no more than 15 to bat in an inning.) Including the last inning of play.
3. Every player is listed in the batting order and will bat when their turn comes up in the order, even if not in the field at the time.
  - a. If injured and unable to play, their at bat will not count as an out.
4. A batting helmet with a face mask must be worn by all batters and base runners while on the field or they will be called out. They must leave the helmet on until they are in the dugout.
5. Bunting is allowed. → Slapping of any kind is not allowed.
6. A batter hit by a pitch is awarded first base. As long as they attempt to avoid being hit.
7. If the batter throws their bat, the team will be warned and the next player to throw their bat will be called out.
  - a. No stealing during coach pitch, even if the ball gets past the catcher.
8. A batter may overrun first base. If the batter-runner turns toward 2nd base they may be tagged out.
9. Base runners shall not leave their bases until the pitcher releases the ball.
  - a. A warning is given to the team for leaving early, the next base runner to leave early will be called out.

**10. Stealing home is NOT allowed, even on a passed ball or wild pitch. IN other words HOME IS CLOSED**

11. A feet first slide is mandatory if played upon for 2nd, 3rd, or home. If the runner does not slide on a play at home they will be called out. This rule is subject to umpire discretion.

12. Runners advance at their own risk on an overthrown ball. There is no limit to the number of bases a runner may attempt while the ball is in play. If the ball is thrown out of play (Lodged in fence or under it) the runner receives the base they were advancing to.

13. When the ball is in control of the pitcher (within reasonable distance of the mound) base runners may not advance beyond the base to which they were running at the time the ball became controlled by the pitcher.

**Reminders to Coaches:**

1. Be positive at all times, and be an example of good sportsmanship.
2. Give the players the chance to play a variety of positions during the season.
3. The focus is learning, having fun, teamwork, and a great summer softball experience.

**\*Good Sportsmanship is a must!** Any player, coach, or spectator behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner will be warned once. If they continue they will be asked to leave. If they refuse to leave their team will forfeit the game. Please be kind to the umpires, there will be judgment calls, and these are up to them. The umpire's call is the final call.

Thank you, Have a great Season!