



HILLSBORO GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
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Tournament Adjustments

Innings/Runs Allowed:

U12: 4 innings-6, 6, 6, 8

U14: 5 innings-6, 6, 6, 6, 8

U18: 7 innings-6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6

Tie Breaker (if necessary): 4 runs allowed

We have to keep the games moving!! We have a set number of innings that we HAVE to get in. The girls need to hustle on and off the field, catchers need to be ready. USA rules say that at the beginning of each half inning, or when a pitcher relieves another pitcher, not more than one minute may be used to deliver not more than five pitches... that can be with coach OR catcher.

Tournament time limit rule will be as follows:

There will be a time limit of 1 hour 40 minutes. When the time limit is reached, last inning will be declared, and teams will complete the inning. If the home team is ahead at any time in the bottom of the inning, the game will end and final score will stand.

Note: A new inning will begin with the 3rd out of the previous inning.

This will apply to all Tournament games. You need to keep things moving, hustle on & off the field and keep your time-outs to a minimum.

In the event of a tie, you will play a Texas tie breaker inning. The inning starts with 2 outs, the next batter in the order up to bat, and the last out from the previous inning on 2nd base. Play continues to a 4-run limit or until the 3rd out is achieved. Each team will get to bat. Multiple tie breaker innings can be played if necessary.

We will be playing with the following Run Ahead Rule:

U12: Up by 9 runs after 3 innings

U14: Up by 15 after 3 innings, Up by 9 runs after 4 innings

U18: Standard USA – Up by 15 after 3 innings, Up by 12 after 4 innings, Up by 8 after 5 innings.

If this happens in the middle of an inning the game will be over. The inning does not have to be completed*. (*Applies to bottom half of an inning. If Visiting team goes up by 9 runs in the third inning (U12) or the fourth inning (U14), Home team would still get a chance to bat. The rule states runs ahead **after** inning played. If Home team went up by 9 runs in the middle of their third inning (U12) or the fourth inning (U14) at bat, game would be over, they would NOT finish the inning.) If the home team is ahead in the bottom of the last inning, they will not bat again.

Placement will be based on Wins/Losses, Head-to-Head, and "Runs Allowed." Runs scored will not be considered.



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Conferences (Time Outs):

Offensive: There shall only be ONE conference per inning. If a coach or manager insists on another conference, they are ejected from the game. Offensive conferences shall last no longer than 30 seconds.

Defensive: There shall be no more than THREE conferences per game. If a coach or manager insists on additional conferences, their pitcher is to be removed from pitching. She can play a different defensive position but may not pitch for the remainder of the game. Defensive conferences shall last no longer than 20 seconds. The umpire and home book shall track the number of defensive conferences. For this tournament, a Defensive Conference is when the coach or manager pulls one or more players together for a conversation during an inning. Pitcher changes will not count as a Conference, unless the coach or manager pulls one or more players together for a conversation.

Rule Clarifications

Batter hit by a pitch (from another player, not coach): The batter has to make an effort to get out of the way of the ball. If she does not move and gets hit, the umpire shall call a "ball" and the batter continues batting unless it is ball four. If the batter attempts to move and gets hit, the umpire shall call "dead ball" and the batter gets to go to first. Runners do not advance unless first is occupied at the time of the pitch and they are forced to advance. It does not matter if the ball hits the ground before striking the player or if it is a direct pitch.

Reminder: U12 Pitchers have a pitch limit per game of 3 innings.

Leaving the Base Early

If a runner is called out for leaving the base before the pitcher has released the pitch, the result is:

- a. The ball is dead.
- b. "No Pitch" is declared.
- c. The runner is out.

Sliding Head First

Sliding head first is not an automatic out. It is discouraged due to the increased chance of concussion, but there is no penalty.

Designated Manager: Each team will designate a Coach as Manager. The Designated Manager will attend the plate talk with the Umpire. Only the Designated Manager is allowed to approach the umpire regarding any rule clarifications, and must complete this process properly, by calling time or approaching between innings. Any coach who is not the Designated Manager and questions or exhibits unsportsmanlike behavior toward Umpire Calls, may be ejected in the Umpire's judgment, without warning.

Unsportsmanlike Spectator: If the Umpire sees unsportsmanlike actions or comments from a Spectator, the Umpire will notify the Coach of the offending Spectator. The Coach will give the offending Spectator one warning. If the Spectator continues with the unsportsmanlike behavior, the Umpire will eject both the spectator and the Designated Manager.



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Ejections: All ejections made by the Umpire results in the following: Ejected individual will need to leave the line sight of the field and will not interact with any game participants. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the game. If the Designated Manager is ejected, a replacement Manager may be assigned. If two coaches are ejected in the same game, the team will forfeit the current game.

Minimum number of players: All teams will play with nine defensive players including three outfielders. An official game can start with eight defensive players. Teams do not have to take an out for the ninth position when playing with only eight players.
