



Lincoln Girls Softball 6u Division Spring Season playing rules

Purpose:

To maximize basic instruction for girls 4.5 to 7 by teaching fundamentals of softball. As coaches it is your responsibility to provide a learning environment and to foster growth both in softball and in everyday life. These girls need you to be a mentor.

Rules established for this division are as follows: USA is the governing body of our League, followed by NorCal. If any rule is not specifically called out in this cut sheet please refer to the current USA rulebook/NorCal Rules (L.G.S.A. rules are exceptions to USA rules and will be used if applicable.)

Remember, Having fun and building excitement is key

General:

1. Ball 10" RIF Level 1 – USA Approved

The Game:

1. A game will consist of 5 innings or a 1 hour 15 minutes time limit, whichever occurs first. No inning is to begin after the time limit.
2. Prior to the ball being hit by a batter, no infielder will be positioned in front of the imaginary line extended diagonally across the infield between 1st base and 3rd base.
3. Only 5 infielders (including the pitcher) may line up in the infield.
4. The outfielders must be 5' or more behind the baseline.
5. Each player on a team will play at least 2 defensive innings of each game unless benched because she just simply does not want to play.
 - a. Please communicate with the parents about these situations.

The Field:

1. Field dimensions are: 45' base paths, 30' from home plate to pitcher's plate, 63' 7-1/4" home to 2nd base, and home plate to be at least 15' from the backstop.
2. A line or arc is to be placed 15' in front of the home plate from the 1st and 3rd base foul lines to designate a dead ball area. A batted ball must go beyond this area to be a fair ball.
3. The home team provides the bases.
4. Throw down softball bases will be provided for each team.

5. Teams need to bring their tee and bases to every game.
6. The baseline is 3' on either side of a direct line drawn between bases.
7. Infielders can only be in the baseline while attempting to field the ball.

Batting:

1. All players present will be in the batting order and 10 players will bat each inning in T-ball.
 - a. Example: If there are 14 players present on a team, 1-10 will bat the first inning, 11-14 and 1-6 will bat the second inning, and 7-14 and 1-2 will bat the third inning and so forth.
2. When only 10 players are present, the batting order will rotate each inning as follows to prevent the same batters from batting first and last in each inning:
 - 1st inning batting order - 1-10
 - 2nd inning batting order - 2-10 + 1
 - 3rd inning batting order - 3-10 + 1-2
 - 4th inning batting order - 4-10 + 1-3
 - 5th inning batting order - 5-10 + 1-4(This rule allows more than just one person to be a lead-off hitter and the home run hitter.)
3. The ball is placed on the batting tee by the coach or catcher (whichever the coach designates to keep the game moving).
4. The batter is not out if he/she picks up the ball when it comes off the tee and does not go beyond the 15' arc.
5. The batter must contact the ball with the bat until a fair ball is achieved.
6. There are no strike outs.
7. The umpire/coach **MUST REMOVE THE TEE WHEN THE BALL IS HIT.**
 - If the umpire/coach fails to remove the tee from home plate, a runner coming home **MAY** touch the tee with their hand and be considered **SAFE**.
8. After the ball is placed on the tee, base runners are to stay on their base until the ball is hit.
9. There will be **NO BASE STEALING**.
10. The batter must drop the bat before reaching first base.

Pitching:

1. The pitcher is to be in contact with the pitcher's rubber as the ball is placed on the tee for the batter and is to be in contact with the pitcher's plate when the ball is hit.
2. It is acceptable to switch to coach pitching, in place of the tee, half way through the season for the girls that are ready.

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