

**Rules:
2008 Minor League Softball**

- 1. All games will be 5 innings games.**
- 2. Each game will have a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes. The home team must bat.**
- 3. All players are in the batting order. You can only bat ten batters per inning. 3-outs, 6 runs or ten batters per inning whichever comes first. The 5th inning however will be open, however you can only bat ten batters.**
- 4. Each ten will field ten players but you may start a game with eight players.**
- 5. Stealing is allowed after the pitched ball across home plate. Early lead off will result in; First offense: Automatic dead ball runners must return to their original base and the hitter must hit again. Second offense: Automatic out. Teams are not permitted to steal home unless the defensive team makes a play on any offensive player.**
- 6. We will play the in field fly rule.**
- 7. Base runners must attempt to slide or avoid contact on close calls.**
- 8. Pitching Rule- Starting pitcher is the only pitcher permitted to re-enter to that position. Pitchers must wear heart guard.**
- 10. Mercy Rule- 15 runs after 3 innings or 11 runs after 4 innings.**
- 11. If a coach gets ejected from a game then that coach must sit out the next two prior games. He/She must be present at the next Recreation Department Board meeting.**
- 12. Coach Pitch! Once a batter receives four balls the coach will come in to finish the at-bat with the batter having the same count of number of strikes towards her. Coach can only pitch 3 pitches to the batter.**
- 13. Pitching distance & softball size:
10 & under 35 ft
11 inch softball**
- 14. We will not play the 3rd strike drop ball.**