

# **EDGEWOOD GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULE BOOK**

**As amended December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

All rules of the Edgewood Girls Softball League will be governed by the ASA Rule Book (as interpreted by the Executive Board), with the following exceptions:

## **Section 1: Field**

- Rule 1- Pitching distance  
46 ft. -Senior division  
40 ft. -Middle division  
35 ft. -Junior division
- Rule 2 - Distance between bases  
65 ft. -Senior division  
65 ft. - Middle division  
55 ft. – Junior division
- Rule 3 - Home team has the option of first or third base line.

## **Section 2: Playing time**

- Rule 1 – There is a one-hour-30min. time limit for regular season games in all divisions. Time begins when umpire calls the first batter up. At the one-hour-30min. mark the game will be stopped, and the final score for the game will be rolled back to the previous complete inning.
- Rule 2 - Game must start no later than fifteen minutes beyond game time after which game will be ruled a forfeit for team that is short enough players.
- Rule 3 - Ten run rule in effect for all divisions, at least five innings must be played, ( four in Junior Div.) home team gets last bat.
- Rule 4 - Fifteen run rule for all divisions, at least four innings must be played (three in Junior Div.) home team gets last bat.
- Rule 5 - Twenty run rule for all divisions, at least three innings must be played home team gets last bat.

## **Section 3: Scorebook and Lineups**

- Rule 1 - Scorebooks will be official records of each game in all divisions, and be verified by managers of each team every half inning

## **Section 4: General Playing Rules**

- Rule 1 - If a ball gets hit into the opposite field and touches any one of its players, the batter will be awarded the next base from time of contact (determined by the umpire).
- Rule 2 - Juiced up bats, such as double & triple wall or any single wall bat made of a metal alloy stronger than a 405 will not be allowed in any league play. Composite bats will be considered juiced up bats.

**Rule 3** - A courtesy runner for the catcher should be used if there are 2 outs to help keep the game moving. The player who made the last out should be used as the courtesy runner. If there have been no outs during the game, the last batter not on base will be the courtesy runner.

#### **Section 4: Players & Substitutes**

##### **Senior, Middle and Junior Divisions**

**Rule 1** - A continuous batting order will be used. All players bat, but no more than eleven defensive players may be on the field at the same time

**Rule 2** - A player who arrives late will be added to the bottom of the lineup.

**Rule 3** - Any player unable to bat in her position in the lineup will be skipped over without penalty. Opposing coach must be notified of a batter unable to bat, and said batter may not return to the lineup or play any defensive positions except when due to injury/illness.

**Rule 4** - No player may be used as an extra player or designated hitter.

**Rule 5** - A player must play a minimum of three innings, unless game is shortened by rain, time limit or run rule.

**Rule 6** - Unlimited defensive substitutions.

**Rule 7** - Infield fly rule will not be enforced.

#### **Section 5: Additional Junior Division Rules**

**Rule 1** - Six innings will be played for a complete game.

**Rule 2** - A team shall score no more than five runs per inning. All runs will count on play where sixth run is scored.

**Rule 3** - Foul ball - third strike rule will not be in effect..

#### **Section 6: All Star Games**

**Rule 1** - Senior and Middle division games will consist of seven innings, Junior division game will be six innings.

**Rule 2** - Teams will be determined by standings the Saturday prior to the scheduled All Star game.

**Rule 3** - The number of players submitted per team will be decided by May meeting.

**Rule 4** - No time limit and all run rules are suspended for all-star games for all divisions.

#### **Section 7: Playoff and Championship Games**

**Rule 1** - Playoff and championship formats will be decided by the June meeting.

**Rule 2** - There will be no re-scheduling of playoff or championship games (exception: weather conditions) without the league president's consent,

**Rule 3** - In case of a tie for any playoff position, order of finish will be determined by: A.) Win/loss record between said teams. B.) Least runs allowed by said teams. C.) One playoff game between said teams.

**Rule 4** - For first round, home teams will be those with the best season record.

Rule 5 - During the playoffs, in a best of three game series, if the playoff series goes to a third game, the team with the best regular season record will have the choice of being home or away for the game.

Rule 6 - Two umpires will be used for the championship series.

Rule 7 - Playoffs will follow no new inning after 80 minutes and run rule #s 3,4 and 5 stated in Section 2 will remain in effect. In the event of a tie due to time limit or regular inning completion (7 innings for Seniors and Middles and 6 innings for Juniors), the international tie breaker will go into effect. During each extra inning, each team batting will start with a runner on second base. This runner is the batter who is scheduled to bat last in that particular inning. For example, if the number-two batter leads off the inning, the number-one batter will serve as the runner on second base.

Rule 8 - Championships will have no time limit and run rule#s 3,4,5 stated in Section 2 will remain in effect. In the event of a tie due to regular inning completion (7 innings for Seniors and Middles and 6 innings for Juniors), the international tie breaker will go into effect. During each extra inning, each team batting will start with a runner on second base. This runner is the batter who is scheduled to bat last in that particular inning. For example, if the number-two batter leads off the inning, the number-one batter will serve as the runner on second base.

Rule 9 - Junior Division's five run rule per inning is suspended for playoffs and championship series.

## **Section 8: General Rules**

Rule 1 - Any team having a Junior High/Junior Varsity/Varsity player on their roster will not forfeit a game if said player is late due to a school game.

Rule 2 - Smoking is not allowed on fields.

Rule 3 - Alcohol is not allowed around fields.

Rule 4 - Foul language is not allowed.

Rule 5 - Intentional Walks are not allowed.