



**HILLSBORO GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

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## U-10 AMENDED LEAGUE RULES

- 1) **Pitching Amendment: There are NO walks.** If the batter receives four balls the coach (or designee) will come in to pitch. At the start of the pitch, both feet must be within the circle. The coach (or designee) will assume the strike count on the batter. Every pitch thrown by the coach (or designee) will be a strike. The maximum number of pitches thrown by the coach (or designee) is three, excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> strike foul balls. Strikeouts are allowed.
- 2) **Base Stealing.** There will be no stealing on a coach pitch. There will be no stealing at home plate, the runner may come home on a hit, live ball only. If the ball is hit and there is an overthrow to third base they may proceed to home. There will be no stealing home on a ball that is thrown from the catcher back to the pitcher that rolls outside the pitching circle. Encourage the girls to try to throw the runner out that is stealing to third base. There is no liability for that run to come in, if they overthrow.
- 3) **Third strike drop-stealing first base rule is waived.** We will not be playing this rule in the U10 division.
- 4) **The infield fly rule is waived.** An infield fly must be caught to put the batter out. A runner leaving base must return to their base and are liable to be put out.
- 5) **All play ends at one hour and 45 minutes after the official start time.** The home team will keep the official score and time of the game. Each inning shall have a 6-run limit. There are no innings with unlimited runs.
- 6) **Weather permitting, all innings should be completed.** We are a non-competitive league, therefore the score of the game is not our focus. Our main objective is to have fun and teach them the skills of the game. If you want to call the game early you will need to confer with the other coach and give the losing team the option to continue or not.
- 7) **Umpires.** The home team shall provide a home plate umpire and the visiting team shall provide a field umpire. In the event that HGSA supplies an umpire, it shall be for home plate only.
- 8) **Interference.** While a coach is pitching, they are considered to be an offensive player. A hit ball that touches the person pitching the ball before a defensive player touches the ball will be considered a foul ball and is counted as a strike.

**The umpires will have a copy of these amended rules.**

**\*Please remember you are here to teach and inspire ALL of the girls, not just your team. Both coaches and parents must be good sports, and have FUN.**