

# Jaguar Girls Fastpitch Invitational Ashwaubenon, WI

## Rules for 10 & Under

July 26 - 29, 2012

- 1) Each game (6 innings) has a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes, umpire will keep the official time. No new inning will start after the time limit has expired. An inning begins when the last out is made. In case of inclement weather games may be shortened, rescheduled, or canceled. There is no time limit for the championship game.
- 2) Maximum of 10 players on the field. 9 players are required to start a game, 8 players are needed to complete a game. 4 players of the 10 on defense must start a defensive play in the outfield grass.
- 3) The entire team roster will bat, Free substitution on defense. 11" balls will be used.
- 4) No infield fly rule and no advancing to first on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- 5) Runners should slide into 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and home when played upon – umpire's discretion will be used to determine if a girl should be called out for creating a unsafe situation when not attempting to slide
- 6) No stealing of home – stealing of 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> is allowed if played upon – players can lead off at their own risk when ball crosses plate
- 7) Pitching rubber is 35 ft. from the plate. Baselines are 55 ft. Outfield fence is 125 ft
- 8) Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per 6 inning game. A single pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
- 9) No free walks upon ball 4, players will need to earn first base. A batting teams coach will pitch from the mound using the remaining strike count, with the ump determining called and swinging strikes. The batter can't advance if hit by pitch.
  - The batter may only advance to first base, other base runners may advance at their own risk.
  - Batters trying to advance to second can be considered a distraction and in the umpire discretion can cause a dead ball situation where runners must return to their last base.
  - Coach pitched balls hit over the fence is still just 1 base for the batter, on base runners come home.
- 10) A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher or pitcher. Courtesy runner will be the last out.
- 11) Games tied at the end of regulation play or time limit will start the next inning with the last batter placed on second. Pitchers in an extra inning situation can pitch up to 4 innings per game max.
- 12) Mercy rule of 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
- 13) Teams must provide and wear their own batting helmets with face masks. No metal spikes
- 14) On-deck batter should be in the circle behind the batter.
- 15) In case of identical records, the following tie breakers will be used to determine advancement to the championship bracket:
  - a. Head to head competition (if 2 way tie only)
  - b. Total runs allowed in the 3 pool games
  - c. Total runs scored in the 3 pool games
  - d. A coin flip
- 16) Coaches are responsible to maintain the cleanliness of their dugout
- 17) Alcoholic beverages, smoking, and profanity are prohibited.
- 18) Harassment or intentional distraction by a team member, coaching staff, or fan toward an opposing team will not be tolerated.
- 19) Umpire decisions are final - Tournament committee reserves the right to change any of the listed rules.
- 20) Rules not covered here are governed by National Federation (WIAA)