

# Quad District Girls Softball League

## 2011

### General Rules 19U

#### Base Rules

All softball games shall be played under United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) rules, except where noted.

#### Player's Age

The player's age shall be determined as the player's age on January 1 of the current season.

#### Bat and Ball Usage

Only USSSA approved bats shall be used. This bat shall be marked "OFFICIAL SOFTBALL" by the manufacturer. If the words "OFFICIAL SOFTBALL" cannot be read due to wear and tear on the bat, the bat should be declared legal if it is legal in all other aspects. No titanium bats can be used. No bats with a rating higher than BPF 1.2 can be used. All balls used by the league must be an 11" with a maximum .47 COR rating.

#### School Conflicts

No player shall be penalized for participating in any school function that may conflict with softball activities.

#### Logos, Names and Advertisements on Uniforms

Alcoholic beverage names or symbols, and/or advertising deemed immoral, improper or portrays a bad example for children, shall not appear on their uniforms.

#### Disciplinary Notification

A team manager must notify the umpire and opposing team manager when a player, who is present, will not be playing due to disciplinary reasons.

#### Profane Language and Intoxication

The umpire is instructed to remove any player, manager, coach, or spectator using profane language or for showing signs of intoxication.

#### Tobacco

The use of tobacco on the bench, in the coach's box, or on the playing field is strictly prohibited. A second offense can result in removal from the team or from a managerial or coaching position.

#### Manager and Player Responsibility

- a. The home team will supply the game ball and official score book.
- b. The home shall return the bases to the equipment room at the completion of the game.
- c. The players of each team shall clean up the area around the ball diamond after each game. This rule is to be enforced by the manager.

#### Uniforms

- a. All players issued a uniform by their league are expected to wear the uniform during their scheduled games. A player not wearing a full team uniform, will still be allowed to play. (Eligible draftees picked up at the last minute to prevent a game forfeiture shall be exempt from the uniform rule).
- b. If cleats are worn, the spikes must be rubber. No open toed shoes will be permitted.
- c. Objects in pockets that may cause injury shall be removed. Hair must be secured away from the face. Jewelry (including earring posts) shall be removed. Medical jewelry must be taped to the player's body. Newly pierced ears must be taped.

### **Substitute Players**

A team may unilaterally use a player in the Quad District only to enable a team to fill all defensive positions. **This rule Does Not Apply during Tournament Play.**

Transfer of players to a higher division is permitted within the following regulations:

Must be a roster player from a lower division within the Quad District.

- a. A player or players may be brought up from a lower division only to enable a team to fill all defensive positions.
- b. A player brought up must be free from their own league games.
- c. A player may be brought up by multiple teams.
- d. No player(s) brought up may be played over a roster player unless said roster player is being disciplined (see Disciplinary Notification).
- e. Any player(s) brought up shall be placed last in the batting order.

### **Run Rule**

If a team has scored fifteen (15) runs more than their opponent after five (5) innings, that team shall be declared the winner, provided the losing team has batted as many innings as the winning team. Five (5) complete innings shall constitute a complete game.

### **Ties and Uncompleted Games**

Regular season games may end in a tie. No game shall end in a tie during the end of the season, Quad Tournament. If a game is called because of rain, darkness, etc., and the game is not complete, the game shall be rescheduled by the respective league presidents and reconvened where the game was stopped, under the following conditions:

The batting order shall remain the same. Any girl not present at the original game, but present for the rescheduled game, may be used as a substitute for any player. If a player was at the original game, but not at the rescheduled game and there is no substitute available to take her place in the batting order, her batting place shall be skipped and no out declared.

### **Equipment**

- a. The catcher must wear a helmet with face mask.
- b. A batting helmet must be worn at bat and while on base. If the helmet comes off during play, the player will be called out. A player will not be called out if a chin strap is being used properly and the helmet comes off.

### **Thrown Bats**

Umpires shall be asked to remind coaches that only one thrown bat will be allowed per game. The batter will be declared OUT on any bats thrown subsequent to the first bat thrown. Each team shall be given one warning before this rule shall be enforced.

### **Date Change of Games**

A request for approval of a change in the date of a game may be made with the consent of both managers and the respective league presidents and must be done with sufficient time to notify the scheduled umpire. If the proper approvals are acquired, this change request must be given to the scheduler for action.

### **Start Time**

All games are scheduled to start at 6:30pm with forfeit time fifteen (15) minutes after that.

**Practice Time**

Both teams must be allowed fifteen (15) minutes of practice time on a diamond, with the home team to have the diamond from 6:00pm to 6:15pm and the visiting team from 6:15pm to 6:30pm.

**Minimum Players**

There is a minimum of eight (8) players per team. Less than eight players shall result in a forfeit. If neither team can field eight or more players, then a double forfeit will be called.

**Protest**

If a protest is made, it must be made to the home plate umpire before the next pitch is thrown and recorded in the official score book.

**Protest Submission**

A protest must be stated clearly in writing and be submitted to the League President whose manager is protesting the game. The protest must be submitted on the next weekday (Monday-Friday) and must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 cash to be given to the President. The protest fee will be repaid if the protest is upheld and forfeited if the protest is overruled.

**Protest Meeting**

A protest meeting will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Brookville Shelter House. All protests will be decided by the Presidents (or their designees) of each League. All parties wishing to be heard on the protest shall be at the protest meeting or they forfeit their right to be heard. Protest during the Qaud Tournament will be held before the next game starts, by the League Presidents present.

**End of Season Tournament**

A Inter-League, end of the season tournament will be held. Each division will participate. A random blind draw will be used to set the tournament brackets. This tournament will be a double elimination tournament. The 2011 tournament will be held in Brookville, June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>. Team rosters will be turned into the Tournament Director by June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. Only rostered players may participate in the tournament.

**Umpire No-Show**

In the case of the umpire not showing up for the game, the game is not forfeited by the home team. If both team managers agree upon a substitute umpire, the game will be played as normal. If one or both team managers do not agree upon a substitute umpire, the game will be rescheduled as if it were a rain out.

**Rain Outs**

Call the respective home team manager.

Home team managers should make every effort to contact the visiting manager by 5:30 PM to advise if there is a rain out.

## Division Rules 19U

### Ages

19U Division: girls who are thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), and nineteen (19) years old on or before January 1 of the current season.

### Player Participation

- a. A maximum of ten (10) players shall be used on defense. All players present shall play a minimum of three (3) offensive and defensive innings except in the case of injury, discipline, rules violations or a game shortened because of darkness, etc.
- b. All players present shall be listed in the batting order that the manager wishes them to bat. Any team member arriving after the game has started shall be added to the bottom of the batting order. The batting rotation cannot be changed after the game has started. A player missing her turn at bat must wait until her turn comes up again. If any girl is not available to bat because of injury, illness, rest room, or other legitimate cause, her turn at bat shall be skipped and no out declared.
- c. A batter with (2) two strikes will be declared out after (2) additional foul balls.

### Playing Field

- a. The distance between the bases shall be sixty-five (65) feet. The pitching rubber shall be fifty (50) feet from the back point of home plate.
- b. A complete batter's box shall be outlined at home plate.

### Game Play

- a. A complete game shall consist of seven (7) innings. Five (5) complete innings shall constitute a regulation game. All season games have a two (2) hour time limit. No new inning may start after two hours. Game may end in a tie. (see General Rules, Ties).
- b. A pitch deemed a hittable ball by the umpire will be called a strike.
- c. Starting pitcher may reenter as a pitcher.

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