



Hudson Falls Girls' Softball League, Inc



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1. ASA fast pitch softball rules will be in effect unless otherwise stated herein.
2. Each team must present proof of insurance prior to its first game. Any team without proof of insurance is not eligible to participate in the tournament.
3. Each team must present team roster prior to its first game. Verification of age will be made by presenting a copy of birth certificate or other legal proof of age (cutoff date is December 31, 2008). Any player without proof of age will not be permitted to play.
4. Rosters will be limited to 15 players. Field limited to 10 players.
5. **Pitching distances:**
 1. "8U" – 30 feet (coaches pitch)
 2. "10U" – 35 feet
 3. "12U" – 40 feet
6. **Innings played:**
 - "8U" – 6 innings
 - "10U" – 6 innings
 - "12U" – 7 innings
7. Home team will be determined by a coin toss for pool play and based on seeding for the bracket play. For pool play, a representative from each team must be present, and the umpire will toss the coin.
8. Home team will be the Official Scorekeeper.
9. Any team not ready to play at the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game (8 players required at start of game).
10. For all games (with the exception of the championship and consolation games), there will be a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. No inning may begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the first pitch.
11. **Pool Play:** The international tie breaker rule will be in effect after regulation play (6 innings for 8U and 10U, 7 innings for 12U). The international tie breaker rule will be in effect until there is a winner or the drop dead time is reached (2 hours), in which case the game will revert to a tie. (All innings started must be completed).
Bracket Play: The international tie breaker rule will be in effect after regulation time for all games except for the Championship game (and Consolation game if applicable).
12. Run Limit – 5 runs per inning for all divisions. Final scheduled inning is unlimited.
13. Run Ahead Rule (Mercy) will be in effect and the game terminated when one team is 15 or more runs ahead after 3 innings or 10 or more runs ahead after 5 innings. For Championship and Consolation Games, the Run Ahead Rule will be set at 15 or more runs after 5 innings.
14. **Tournament will provide game balls:**
 - 8U, 10U – 11 inch ball
 - 12U – 12 inch ball.
15. **Modified rules for "8U"**
 - Bunting and walks are not permitted.
 - Seven pitch maximum to each player, or three swinging strikes. Batter can't strike out on a foul ball.
 - Base stealing is not permitted (the base runner may lead off when the pitch has crossed home plate).
 - No Infield Fly Rule.
 - No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
 - The Look Back Rule is not in effect. The base runner proceeds to the closest base at the time the ball is returned to the pitcher within the 8 foot radius circle (returning to the previous base if closer to that base).
 - Play 10 in the field, and bat around (all players on the roster shall bat in the lineup).
 - All "outfielders" must be on the outfield grass until the pitch has crossed home plate.
 - Last inning is an open inning (scoring).



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16. Modified rules for "10U"

- No Infield Fly Rule.
- No Dropped Third Strike Rule.
- Only 1 stolen base per base runner per pitched ball. Players may not steal home (hit in or walked in).
- Players may lead off when the pitch has crossed home plate (not prior).
- Players who are awarded first base (walk or hit by pitch) may not continue on to second base from the awarded first base.
- Play 10 in the field, and bat around (all players on the roster shall bat in the lineup).
- Last inning is an open inning (scoring).

17. Modified rules for "12U"

- Coach has the option at the beginning of the game to "bat around" or bat 10 players. This is declared to the umpire at the beginning of the game, and cannot be changed.

18. If a player is removed from a game due to an injury, the effected team will not be required to take an out for that player's at bat (unless the team is left with fewer than nine players). The injured player will not be permitted to re-enter the game from which she was removed but will be permitted to play in subsequent games (if she misses an at-bat).

19. In pool play and bracket play, the "visiting team" will occupy 3rd base dugout. (On "B Field" the "visiting team" will occupy the dugout furthest from home plate).

20. There will be no protesting of games. The decision of the umpire(s) is final.

21. If any team should forfeit a game, the score shall be recorded as 7-0(f) and will be given a 7-point differential for tie breaker decisions as indicated below.

22. Any game suspended after 5 innings will be deemed complete.

23. Tie breaker in pool standings for All Divisions will be:

- Head-to-head competition
- Total Run Differential
- Total Runs Allowed
- Total Runs Scored
- Coin Toss

24. Please leave dugout areas clean and leave promptly after your game as we all want to keep on schedule.

25. All helmets must have approved face masks and chin straps.

26. No jewelry will be allowed on the players.

27. **The Hudson Falls Girls Softball League has a zero tolerance policy for any coach, parent or spectator using profanity, exhibiting inappropriate behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. Such behavior will result in removal from the school property for the duration of the tournament.**

- **No Profanity**
- **No Smoking**
- **No Dogs**

Tournament Contacts

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COACH'S
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THE ITEMS IN BOLD
WITH YOU TO THE TOURNAMENT

- 1. ALL BIRTH CERTIFICATES**
- 2. PLAYER ROSTER**
- 3. PROOF OF LIABILITY & MEDICAL INSURANCE.**

YOU MUST HAVE THESE ITEMS AND
CHECK IN 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR
FIRST GAME OR YOU CANNOT PLAY.