

## Woodstock Gils Softball League Additional 8-U Tournament Rules

1. A game consists of 5 innings, subject to time limit.
2. An 11" soft covered softball will be used.
3. Coaches will pitch to their own team.
4. Coaches will throw 5 pitches to each batter. **The batter is allowed to swing and miss at all 5 pitches; she will not be out until after the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch.** A foul ball/tip on the 5<sup>th</sup> or subsequent pitches allows an additional pitch. The AB will be completed when the ball is hit, the batter swings and misses, or the batter allows the ball to pass without offering at the pitch.
5. Pitching Distance will be 30'.
6. No stealing or leadoffs. Any lead off will be an automatic out.
7. No drop 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
8. No infield fly rule.
9. No bunting.
10. **There is no minimum distance that a batted ball must travel as long as a full swing was attempted.**
11. Defense will consist of 10 players, 4 of which will be outfielders. Out fielders must start in the outfield grass.
12. Continuous batting order will be implemented.
13. Free substitution for fielding.
14. EACH and every girl must play a minimum of 1 inning on defense.
15. **Maximum of 7 runs per inning.**
16. **Unlimited runs in the last inning.**
17. **Defensive Coaches will be allowed on the field.** They should be in the Left and Right Field grass.
18. **The Pitching Coach CAN instruct the batter and runners before and during play.**
19. **A play to the outfield will conclude when a ball is UNDER CONTROL in the infield. Runners must be beyond 1/2 ways to the next base to be awarded that base. Any runner that is less than 1/2 ways to the next base will be asked to return to the previous base.**
20. Base running- a runner can only advance the number of bases that a batter advances. (e.g. a base runner on 1<sup>st</sup> can go to third on a double by the batter, a base runner on 1<sup>st</sup> can score only on a triple, and a runner on second can score only on a double by the batter). **Rule 21 is the only exception to this rule.**

21. Advance on overthrows at second only, only 1 base and at the runner's discretion. An advance by another player is not possible. (e.g. runner on first can try to advance to third on an overthrow at second, however, the batter has to stay at first)

In the event of a tie of 2 teams to determine trophy round placement, the following criteria will be used: 1) Head to head play, 2) Runs allowed, 3) Runs scored, and 4) coin toss.

**Protective headgear required for pitchers.**

**Bold instructions are clarifications or updated rules based on questions asked at the coaches meeting or emails after the meeting. Updated 7/10/10.**