

Pittsylvania County Girls Softball League

U-10 SOFTBALL RULES

I. Overall Rules

- A. All players must provide a birth certificate in order to play.
- B. The AGE cutoff date for softball will be January 1st of the current year.
- C. CYL/PCGSL has no boundary restriction. All are welcome to participate
- D. There will be no refunds of registration fees without a doctor's excuse.
- E. No one can request to be paired up with a coach or another player (unless they are siblings), except T-Ball.
- F. Everyone is required to help with the fundraising program of the season.

II. Playing Rules

- A. All games will be played according to the official PCGSL softball rules.
- B. Players for all ages will go into a draft if there are two teams in their area. The draft is to distribute the talent throughout the league. The draft process is a blind draft and subject to change upon discretion of the Board.
- C. No player wearing cast constructed of any kind of material (either hard or soft) will be allowed to play. Also any other player that has been declared ineligible by a physician for any other medical illness or condition MUST provide a signed release stating that the player may resume play!
- D. All batters and those warming up at bat must wear a protective helmet with face guard!
- E. Only the stamped current ASA/NSA bats are allowed.
- F. Catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask during all practice and games. This includes any player warming up the pitcher.
- G. Players suspended from school will not be allowed to practice or play in games until the suspension is lifted. Such players may dress out in full uniform and sit with the team in support. The Players name and number will be given to opposing team prior to start of game.
- H. Each player in all league divisions MUST not sit the bench more than 1 inning consecutively.
- I. All line ups will be a continuous batting order.
- J. All games at Crider Field MUST be completed by 9:45 pm. Lights MUST be turned off by 10:00 pm per town ordinance.

III. Team Requirements

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- A. The Home team will provide one person to keep the official scorebook. This person must sit at the designated scorer's table.
- B. All players, managers, and coaches **MUST** wear their uniform and/or shirts during play. Player's shirts must be tucked in before entering play. No jewelry of any kind can be worn during a game.
- C. No one will be allowed in the dugout during the game **EXCEPT** the Manager, Coaches, and Players. **NO PARENTS!**
- D. Players may **NOT** leave the dugout during the game unless it is an emergency.
- E. Food is **NOT** allowed in the dugout. Drinks are allowed but **MUST** be in place at the beginning of the game.

IV. Coaches and Managers

- A. Potential Managers and Coaches will be nominated by the League President and approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. **ALL** League Managers and Coaches **MUST** promote and maintain good sportsmanship at all times. Including practices, games, and/or league functions. Managers and Coaches **MUST** treat all League officials and umpires with courtesy and respect.
- C. Upon the ejection from a game, from an umpire, all persons are required to leave the premises and can stay in the parking until the game has ended.
- D. If a coach is ejected from a game they will be required to sit the next game.
- E. Managers and Coaches **MUST** refrain from the use of **ALL** tobacco products outside of the designated area.
- F. Managers/Coaches may be asked to line the field prior to each game.
- G. Managers/Coaches are required to remove trash from their respective dugouts after their game is complete.

V. League Discipline

*Players, Managers, and Coaches are expected to maintain a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship. Enforcement of playing rules at league games is the sole responsibility of the umpire(s) who have been assigned to the game. Enforcement of additional league conduct rules is the joint responsibility of the umpires assigned to the game and any board members present at the game. The Player Agent **MUST** be informed of any incident regarding a player.*

- A. If a Manager, Coach, Player, or Spectator is ejected from a game for any violations, he/she **MUST** leave the premises, but may stay in the parking lot to

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pick up child. Failure to act accordingly may result in the forfeiture of the game and suspension from the league for the rest of the season.

- B. If a Manager, Coach, Player, or Spectator is ejected from a second game during the same season, the manager, coach, player, or spectator may be suspended from league play pending a hearing with the Board of Directors.

VI. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. The League President and Player Agent reserve the right to move a player from one division to another based on the player's ability or lack thereof.
- B. The use of ALL tobacco products is prohibited except in the designated area.
- C. Any situation that is not covered in these bylaws will be rules upon by the Board of Directors in the best interests of the League.
- D. Bylaws Violations
 - 1. The Board of Directors will review any violations of the bylaws.
 - 2. The Board of Directors may take any action that is deemed necessary.
 - 3. The Board of Directors decision is FINAL.
- E. Injuries
 - 1. The injured player will be removed from the game.
 - 2. A substitute player MUST be entered.
 - 3. The injured player will NOT be allowed to return to the game until the problem has been corrected. If any part of the player's uniform /clothing is visibly soiled, it MUST be changed before returning to the game.
 - 4. Managers/Coaches and anyone else involved with the injured player should exercise COMMON SENSE.

VII. 10-U Rules

- 1. No player under the age of eight (8) at the start of the current season will be allowed to participate in this league without permission.
- 2. The manager MUST report any questions of the player's ability to play to the Player agent.
- 3. The players should arrive to the field at least 15 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin.
- 4. Cleats are required for play. Metal/Spikes are NOT allowed.
- 5. Each team will have a Manager (Head Coach) and two (2) Coaches (Assistant Coaches).
- 6. Two Coaches will be allowed as base coaches, and the remaining coaches/team parent MUST remain in dugout.

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7. Coaches **MUST** remain in dugout during defensive play. Coaches are not allowed on the field during play.
8. Baseline distance is 60 feet.
9. Pitching distance is thirty-five (35) feet).
10. **Pitchers may pitch no more than three (3) consecutive innings during a game**
11. Up to four (4) players are allowed in the outfield.
12. Players **MUST** be rotated in defensive play every other inning. Players may not sit out more than one consecutive inning.
13. Field positions may consist of a maximum ten (10) players. A team must field a minimum of seven (7) roster players or forfeit a game.
14. **A team may borrow up to two (2) players from the same age division or below. No borrowed player will be allowed to pitch, catch, or play the infield. The borrowed players will bat last in the lineup.**
15. The batting order will consist of ALL players present (continuous batting order).
16. Stealing is allowed once the pitcher has released the ball. One base per pitch.
17. The “in-field fly” rule is in effect.
18. Drop third strike is not allowed.
19. Bunting is allowed.
20. In the interest of time a courtesy runner for the catcher only may be used. The last recorded out is to be the courtesy runner!
21. A game will consist of six (6) innings if time allows.
22. **NO NEW INNING WILL BEGIN AFTER AN HOUR & TWENTY MINUTES.**
23. There will be free substitution and re-entry.
24. Only five (5) runs are allowed to be scored per inning.
25. Slaughter rule will be followed—ten (10) runs after four (4) innings of play.
26. In all other situations not covered by these rules, the VHSL rules will apply.
27. All base runners are to slide on any close play at second base, third base, or home plate! Any collisions between the runner and the fielder while the ball is in play may lead to an automatic out. (this will be the discretion of the umpire)

U-10 TOURNAMENT RULES

28. A tournament will be played at the end of the regular season. Seedings will be determined by the regular season standings.
29. During the tournament no team will be allowed to borrow any players.
30. All other regular season rules apply!

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**FROM THIS DATE FORWARD EVERY DEFENSIVE PLAYER WILL BE
REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES!**