

# Pittsylvania County Girls Softball League

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## **U-17 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. No player wearing a 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 a release stating that the player may resume play.
- C. All batters and those warming up at bat must wear a protective helmet with face guard.
- D. Only the stamped current ASA/NSA fast pitch bats are allowed.
- E. Catchers must wear a protective helmet and mask during all practice and games. This includes any player warming up the pitcher.
- F. Each player in all league divisions MUST not sit the bench more than 1 inning consecutively.
- G. All line ups will be a continuous batting order & free substitutions are allowed!
- H. 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**

- A. The Home team will provide one person to keep the official scorebook.
- B. The Home team will provide one person to operate the scoreboard remote!
- C. All players 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.
- D. No one will be allowed in the dugout during the game EXCEPT the Manager, Coaches, and Players. NO PARENTS!

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- E. Players may NOT leave the dugout during the game unless it is an emergency.
- F. 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. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. Managers and Coaches MUST refrain from the use of ALL tobacco products outside of the designated area.
- D. Managers/Coaches may be asked to line the field prior to each game.
- E. 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 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 Softball Commissioner reserve the right to move a player from one division to another based on the player's ability or lack thereof.
- B. 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.
- C. Bylaws Violations
  - 1. The Board of Directors will review any violations of the bylaws.

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2. The Board of Directors may take any action that is deemed necessary.
3. The Board of Directors decision is FINAL.

## VII. 17-U Rules

1. No player under the age of thirteen (13) 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 softball commissioner.
3. The players should arrive to the field at least 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin.
4. Cleats are required for play. Metal/Spikes are 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.
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 forty (43) feet.
10. Only three (3) players are allowed in the outfield.
11. Players may not sit out more than one consecutive inning & may sit no more than two innings per game!
12. Field positions may consist of a maximum nine (9) players. A team must field a minimum of seven (7) roster players or forfeit a game.
13. A team may borrow up to two (2) players from the same age division if needed to get to nine total players. No borrowed player will be allowed to pitch, catch, or play the infield. The borrowed players will bat last in the lineup.
14. The batting order will consist of ALL players present.
15. Stealing is allowed once the pitcher has released the ball. (There will be no stealing once the team has a seven run or more lead)
16. Batters will be allowed to run on a dropped third strike.
17. The "in-field fly" rule is in effect.
18. Bunting is allowed.
19. In the interest of saving time a courtesy runner for the catcher only may be used. The last recorded out is to be the courtesy runner!
20. A game will consist of a seven (7) innings if time allows.

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21. Time limit is 1 hour and 30 minutes (No new inning will start after this time has expired)
22. Only five (5) runs are allowed to be scored per inning.
23. Slaughter rule will be followed—ten (10) runs after five (5) innings of play.
24. In all other situations not covered by these rules, the VHSL rules will apply.
25. All base runners are to slide on any close play at second base, third base, or home plate! Any collision between the runner and fielder while the ball is in play may lead to an automatic out. (this will be the umpires discretion and may not be an automatic out)

## ***U-17 TOURNAMENT RULES***

26. A tournament may be played at the end of the regular season. Teams will be assigned games based on the regular season standings.
27. During the tournament no team will be allowed to borrow any players.
28. The regular season time limit & rules will apply to the tournament games with the exception being a minimum of five (5) innings must be played up to the championship game.
29. The championship game will consist of seven (7) innings.
30. (THE SLAUGHTER RULE WILL APPLY FOR ALL GAMES)

**FROM THIS DATE FORWARD EVERY DEFENSIVE PLAYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.....**