

North Tonawanda

2018 Girl Softball League Rules

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League Organization

The North Tonawanda Girl Softball League will be an Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A) sanctioned league in 2018.

The 2018 season will offer a league format based on the A.S.A National Guidelines.

General Rules

- 1) ASA softball rules will apply with modifications providing equitable levels of play for each division.
- 2) The Youth, Recreation and Parks Department will notify coaches of rainouts. The Recreation Department will reschedule postponed games only. Teams will be notified within 3 days of the rainout on a re-scheduled time and site. If team managers have not heard by phone or received a mailed rescheduling, it is the team's responsibility to contact the NT Recreation Department at (716) 695-8520 ext. 5520.
- 3) A player's age on January 1, 2018 is their official league age.
- 4) Once a player plays on one team, she may not quit to play on another team. Any request of change must have the approval of the Supervisor.
- 5) Only players, coaches, and scorekeepers are allowed on the bench.
- 6) All games will start at the designated times. There is a two-hour time limit on all games. The starting time is taken at the time of the first pitch. Any inning in progress should be completed unless weather, field lights, or league rules warrant otherwise apply.
- 7) All games will be 7 innings and start at 6:15pm.
- 8) If game is tied after 7 innings, the game will continue under the same conditions as long as it is played within the two-hour time limit.
- 9) At Taber Field, any ball hit into the street will be a homerun. **Girls cannot go past the sidewalk.**
- 10) There will be a warning given to any player who throws a bat during their time up to bat. This warning will apply to both teams that are playing. The second infraction of any player on either team will result in an out.
- 11) Ten (10) players play on the field. You may start the game with no less than 8 players. If a team is lacking players, a coach may pull up any player from the next lower division. The individual that is picked may play for that team ONLY ONCE and MAY NOT be used as a pitcher. Other teams still retain the option of picking up that same individual once. The Recreation Office (716-695-8520; ext. 5520) must be notified if a girl(s) for the younger division is being picked up for a game prior to that game being played. If the required amount of girls (9) show up for a team that has called up a player from the lower division, the girls on the original roster must start the game and play the first two (2) innings in the field.

- 12) Players must make an attempt to avoid a collision.
- 13) Umpires and opposing coaches must be notified immediately if any player is removed from the game due to illness or injury, or if she will not continue to play in the game. If player is unable to bat, the at bat will be considered an out.
- 14) The pitcher must start with both feet on the pitching rubber. (Bases will be 60 feet away and the pitcher mound will be set at 43 feet.)
- 15) No Infield Fly rule will apply.
- 16) Coaches must play each girl (at least) three (3) innings in the field throughout the game. (At least one infield position and one outfield position.)
- 17) Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed.
- 18) A pitcher may pitch up to 4 innings a game. (Plate umpires will track all innings pitched for each game.)
- 19) The batter is automatically out on dropped 3rd strike.
- 20) **Mercy Rule:** 10 runs mercy rule applies after 5 innings.
- 21) All players must be listed in the batting order.
- 22) Stealing may occur when the ball is released from the pitcher's hand. Players may steal 2nd, 3rd and home at their own discretion.
- 23) Bunting is allowed.
- 24) Windmill pitching and sling pitching is allowed.
- 25) One base is allowed on a throw out of play.
- 26) If a pitcher hits three girls in one inning, a new pitcher must be put in.
- 27) Only 2 coaches are allowed on the field when their team is batting and must be within the coaches' box.
- 28) Only 3 coaches are allowed on the team's bench.
- 29) All game scores and reports will be tracked by the plate umpire at the conclusion of each game.

Sportsmanship

- 1) Good sportsmanship applies to all players, coaches, umpires and spectators. Adults should assume the responsibility of demonstrating good sportsmanship to the players.
- 2) No smoking, drinking, or use of illegal drugs in the vicinity of the fields. Immediate suspension is a result of this behavior as determined by the rule committee. This includes the player's bench or the vicinity of the playing field.
- 3) The use of abusive language will NOT be tolerated from the players, coaches or spectators. Immediate ejection from the playing area will result from such actions. The Recreation Department may take further action against the offender if warranted.
- 4) Coaches are responsible for their team's spectators and may receive a forfeit loss if their spectators cannot be kept under control.
- 5) Coaches utilizing strategies that are not in the best interest of the development of the league participants may be released from the coaching position by the Recreation Department.

Equipment

- 1) Sneakers, rubber spikes or proper footwear is mandatory. No metal cleats or boots.
- 2) Proper catcher's equipment includes a mask with throat protector, shin guards, a helmet and a chest protector.
- 3) Equipment will be issued to all teams. Equipment must be returned to the Recreation Department at the end of the season and may not be altered in any way.
- 4) All players warming up the pitcher **MUST HAVE A CATCHERS MASK ON.**
- 5) All helmets must have a facemask and a chinstrap on them. No jewelry may be worn by any player however medical bracelets are allowed.
- 6) Mouth guards are encouraged.

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