**GODDARD RECREATIONAL BALL CLUB**

**Girl’s 12U**

1. No new inning will start after 1 hour 20 minutes (80min).
2. Each team must field at least eight (8) players but not more than nine (9) players.
3. No metal cleats are allowed. A player wearing metal cleats will not be allowed to play.
4. The infield fly rule will be enforced. An infield fly is a fair ball (not including a line drive nor an attempted but) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when 1st and 2nd or bases loaded with less than two (2) outs. The umpire shall immediately declare infield fly and the batter is out and runners may advance at their own risk.
5. The dropped 3rd strike rule will be enforced: Dropped 3rd strike is defined by the ASA as: When the catcher fails to catch the third strike before the ball touches the ground and there are 1) Fewer than two outs and first base is not occupied at the time of the pitch, or 2) Any time there are two outs. “The confusion comes from the wording of a dropped third strike. Remember it is actually a pitched ball that was not caught prior to touching the ground and is not touched by the bat”.
6. Bunting is allowed.
7. Slap hitting/bunting is allowed. Slap hitting/bunting is defined as when the batter moves from the back of the batters’ box to the front while slapping/bunting the ball into play. It is intended to hit the ball to a place on the infield that is farthest from the place where the out needs to be made.
8. The bat shall not be more than 34” and 38 oz., and bat diameter of two and a quarter (2 ¼”).
9. The pitchers’ mound shall be forty feet (40’) from home plate and bases will be sixty feet (60’) and a 12” yellow softball will be used.
10. Stealing is allowed:
    1. Baserunners are not permitted to leave the base until the ball has left the pitchers hand. A base runner leaving the base too soon, the umpire will give the coach a warning, the next offense the runner will be called out. This is a team warning not an individual.
    2. Stealing home is allowed.
11. PITCHING RULES:
    1. A glove/mitt worn by the pitcher that includes the colors of yellow, white, and/or gray shall be illegal.
    2. A pitcher may appear in no more than a total of three (3) innings in a single day.

One (1) pitch in any inning equals one (1) inning pitched.

* 1. Teams will be allowed only two (2) conferences during any one (1) inning with the removal of the pitcher during the second conference. Penalty for breaking this rule is removal of the pitcher for the duration of the game.
  2. Once a starting pitcher or sub-pitcher has been removed from the position, she may re-enter that position one (1) time in the same game.
  3. The illegal Pitch rule will be enforced as defined by ASA: Umpires will be instructed to work with the pitchers by first giving a warning. The next illegal pitch will be enforced. See below for definition of a legal pitch and consequence of an illegal pitch.

**Before starting the delivery (pitch), the pitcher shall comply with the following:**

1. When taking the Pitching position in contact with the pitchers’ plate, the pitcher must have their hands separated and must have the ball in either the glove or the Pitching hand.
2. The pitcher shall not be considered in the pitching position unless the catcher is in position to receive the pitch.
3. Both feet must be on the ground within the 24 inch (24”) length of the pitchers’ plate. The shoulders shall be in line with first and third bases.
4. The pitcher shall take a position with both feet in contact with the pitchers’ plate.
5. While on the pitchers’ plate, the pitcher shall take the signal or appear to take a signal with the hands separated. The ball must remain in either the glove or pitching hand.
6. The pitcher shall bring the hands together for not less than one (1) second and not more than ten (10) seconds before releasing the ball.
7. Both feet must remain in contact with the pitchers’ plate at all times prior to the forward step.

EFFECT: Any infraction of 1-7 is an illegal pitch with one (1) warning, any infractions after and below will be enforced:

1. If the batter hits the ball and reaches first base safely, and if all other runners have advanced at least one base on the batted ball, the illegal pitch is nullified. All actin as a result of the batted ball stands. No option is given. When a runner passes a base, the runner is considered to have touched that base.
2. Otherwise the manager has the option to take the result of the play, or the illegal pitch is enforced by awarding a ball to the batter and advancing all runners on base.
3. If an illegal pitch hits the batter out of the strike zone, the batter is awarded first base and all runners are awarded one base.

**Only when playing combined with 14U:**

1. The pitchers’ mound shall be forty-one feet six inches (41.5”) from home plate
2. When playing a 14U team, the 12U team will be spotted three (3) runs.
3. All other rules will remain the same.

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