

## REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES - BCB TEAMS

### GIRLS' MAJOR DIVISION (11-12 year olds)

#### PLAYER SELECTION

1 - All first time players in the division will be evaluated at a tryout and assigned to teams via a players' pool (draft). Managers' daughters will be assigned to their team. Sisters will be assigned to the same team at parent request. The Major Division Player Agent will make the final decision regarding player placement.

#### ROSTERS

1 - All players will be listed on a team roster provided to managers by the Major Division Player Agent. Roster additions will be made by the player agent only and manager(s) will be notified if player additions are needed.

#### GAME PROCEDURES

1 - Game play will be according to the current Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Softball, unless otherwise amended in the BCB Major Division Rules.

2 - Managers may freely rotate defensive players, except pitchers.

3 - Managers must keep a scorebook with pitching log and log pitchers in the league office after each game.

4 - The home team will be the official scorekeeper. Both teams must document innings pitched for BOTH teams and verify and initial the opposing team's scorebook. Scorekeepers are encouraged to verify the score after each inning.

5 - The Major Division Player Agent reserves the right to make the final determination on any rules or interpretations that may arise throughout the season.

6 - No appeals/protests are allowed on judgment calls. Umpires rulings are final. Concerns about umpires must be directed to the Major Division Player Agent within 24 hours after a game.

7 - Only managers, coaches and players are permitted in the dugout.

#### GAME DAY LINE-UP CARDS

1 - 15 minutes prior to the start of each game managers will exchange line-up cards listing only those players, with numbers, who are physically present. Any player arriving after the start of a game will automatically be added to the bottom of the batting order. Managers must notify opposing manager/scorekeeper immediately of late arriving player(s).

## **EQUIPMENT / SAFETY**

1 - **NO JEWELRY** of any type is permitted to be worn by players on the playing area. Types of jewelry include, but are not limited to, earrings, necklaces, rings, barrettes and bracelets. Medically necessary jewelry is permitted.

2 - It is recommended that all players wear protective mouth guards while at bat or in the field.

3 - All players must wear helmets with protective facemasks while at bat or running the bases. No player will bat or run without a chinstrap properly attached to their helmet.

4 - Catchers must wear full protective gear to include helmet with facemask and throat protector, shin guards and chest protector.

5 - No metal cleats are permitted. Players must wear plastic molded cleats or athletic shoes.

6 - Face guards for pitchers and corner infielders are recommended.

## **BEHAVIOR / DISCIPLINE (PLAYERS)**

1 - Teams are required to exhibit sportsman-like conduct by shaking hands after each game.

2 - Chatter must be positive and directed at your team only. Derogatory statements and chants used to distract or intimidate opposing players are not permitted.

3 - A manager may bench a player for disciplinary reasons including, but not limited to, poor sportsmanship, obscene language, fighting and lack of attendance. The manager must notify the umpire and opposing manager/scorekeeper immediately if a player is benched during a game. "Suspended" will be written on the line-up card. The manager must notify the Minor Division Player Agent within the following 24 hours of the decision to bench a player.

4 - Throwing/slinging of bats, helmets, gloves, and balls in disgust is not permitted. Coaches are to warn players against such behavior. Players may be subject to disciplinary action (benching) by the manager or ejection from the game by the umpire.

## **BEHAVIOR / DISCIPLINE (ALL PARTICIPANTS)**

1 - Unsportsmanlike behavior including taunting and harassing by/of managers, coaches, players, or spectators will NOT be tolerated and offender(s) will be subject to ejection by the umpire, Officer of the Day, or Minor Division Player Agent. The umpire, Officer of the Day, or Minor Division Player Agent has the

authority to eject unruly managers, coaches, players and spectators. If ejected, the person must leave the BCB complex immediately. If the same person is ejected from a second game he or she will be suspended from the BCB complex pending a meeting with the BCB President, Vice President of the Girls' Program and Minor Division Player Agent. Refusal to leave the area may result in forfeiting of the game and contacting of the Boardman Police Department.

2 - Cause for immediate manager, coach or spectator ejection from the BCB complex includes, but is not limited to, touching, pushing, hitting, belittling or intimidating an umpire. Being ejected will result in a suspension from the BCB complex pending a meeting with the BCB President, Vice President of the Girls' Program and Minor Division Player Agent. Refusal to leave the area may result in forfeiting of the game and contacting of the Boardman Police Department.

3 - No person other than managers, coaches, players and umpires is allowed on the playing field or in dugouts during games. A person other than those listed above is subject to the penalties of rules #1 or #2 if he or she enters the playing area. This rule is superseded in emergency situations.

## **PITCHING**

1 - A facemask is recommended.

2 - Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per calendar week when 2 regular season games are schedule in one week. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 8 innings per calendar week when 3 regular season games or more are scheduled in one week or a double header is scheduled.

2A - Pitchers may pitch up to 2 additional innings per extra inning game.

2B - Pitchers are free to pitch an unlimited amount of innings in playoff games.

3 - One pitch thrown to a legal batter in an inning constitutes a full inning.

4 - There are no exceptions for pitching rules if a game is rained out or called and rescheduled.

5 - The pitching week is Monday through Sunday.

6 - The manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit the pitcher, but the third time out the player must be removed as a pitcher. A manager or coach may come out three times in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out the player must be removed as a pitcher. A manager or coach who is granted a defensive time-out will be charged with a visit to the pitcher.

7 - A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as she was removed.

8 - Pitchers are granted 5 pitches between innings and if entering game in relief.

9 - A pitcher's feet must both be within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate.

10 - A pitcher's pivot foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate.

11 - A backward step may be taken with the hands being brought together.

12 - A pitcher may not crow hop: step, drag, or hop off the front of the pitcher's plate, replant the foot and push off from the new starting point.

13 - Once an infielder has control of the ball in the pitching circle the play stops. Runners may advance to the base which they were trying to reach at their own risk.

### **DUGOUT CLEAN UP**

1 - No glass containers are permitted in the dugout. Managers, coaches and players will clean up their own trash in dugouts after each game. Dugout floors are to be swept.

### **MANAGER / COACH(S) SIGNATURES**

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The manager and all coaches must sign a copy of these rules at the managers/coaches meeting.