

STRIKEOUTS for Katie

*****The minimum per team will be 9 players, 2 being female. The maximum per team will be 10 players, 3 being female. If a team has more than 9 players but only 2 females than only 9 players may play in the field, but all players may bat. If a team has 10 players on the field, 3 of the players must be female*****

1. Games will be seven (7) innings, or one (1)-hour in length, whichever comes first. If at the end of one (1) hour the home team is losing the score will revert the last full inning of play. The umpire will announce the starting time at the beginning of each game.
2. Coin toss will determine home team.
3. Maximum of 6 runs per inning, except for the 6th inning or any extra inning. Provided 1 hour has not been reached.
4. Third (3rd) strike foul is an out.
5. No walks – count will start with 1 strike.
6. No Bunting is allowed, automatic out.
7. There is a restriction on the height of all pitches. The minimum height is six (6) feet and the maximum is twelve (12) feet.
8. If a mat is used, any pitch hitting the mat is a strike. Any pitch hitting home plate is a strike. It's the umpire's discretion on whether a ball hits home plate or the mat.
9. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated! **NO FOUL LANGUAGE, UMPIRE ABUSE OR ILLEGAL PHYSICAL CONTACT.** All individuals violating these rules will be asked to leave immediately.
10. **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages permitted! All individuals violating either rule will be asked to leave immediately.
11. Only one base may be taken on an over-thrown ball that goes out of play or off the field.
12. No stealing bases. Runner may only leave base once the ball has been hit. Only one (1) warning per team will be given.
13. Rubber cleats (baseball, football, soccer, softball, lacrosse etc.) are permitted, **NO METAL SPIKES – NO EXCEPTIONS**
14. Teams may have a maximum of ten (10) players on a field; at least three (3) must be female.
15. Teams must have minimum of nine (9) players on the field to start the game, but may finish with eight (8), with at least two players being female in both cases.
16. Players **MUST BE** 16 years of age or older, again **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
17. All players on a team may bat. Team captains will be responsible for establishing a batting order for their team, and making sure that the players bat in same order. If a team chooses one (1) "field" player per team may play the field but does not have to bat. Late players may be added to the end of the batting order. If a player gets hurt or has to leave, their spot in the batting order is skip ped with no penalty.
18. Teams may freely substitute field players. Players on the field may be changed and substituted for, but the batting order must stay the SAME. Players may bat but not play in the field.
19. A courtesy runner may be granted to any player who requests one. The player on the batting team that made the last out shall run for the batter, once the batter safely reaches first base.
20. No smoking on the field. Smoking outside of the fences is allowed.
21. Home Runs equal an OUT and a \$1 donation is to be paid to the umpire before the next pitch is thrown. A home run is any untouched fair fly ball hit over the fence in fair territory. This rule is also in effect for field 3.
22. Any fair fly ball touched by a defensive player which then goes over the fence in Fair Territory will be declared a ground rule double. Any fair fly ball touched by a defensive player which then goes over the cones in Fair Territory will be declared a ground rule double.
23. Players must sign a waiver and may play with multiple teams if teams are short players.
24. Infield fly rule.
25. **NO COMPOSITE BATS - ALL BATS WILL BE INSPECTED BY THE HEAD UMPIRE AND MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. IF A TEAM DOES NOT HAVE AN APPROVED BAT THEY WILL FORFEIT.**
26. All of other slow pitch softball rules apply.
27. **ALL RULINGS BY THE UMPIRE ARE FINAL. ANYONE ARGUING OR QUESTIONING AN UMPIRE MAY BE EJECTED AND ASKED TO LEAVE THE DLL PROPERTY.**