

Division 4

Coach & Parent Information

- Typical softball rules are played.
- No infield fly rule
- No stealing bases.
- No leading off.
- Base distance is 16 paces
- Pitchers mound should be on a line between 1st and 3rd base. Do not move the pitchers mound closer.
- **Pitcher and 3rd base must wear a pitcher's mask.**
- **Batters and baser runners must wear a helmet.**
- **Back catcher must wear full back catcher's gear.**
- **If a player refuses to wear any of the above mentioned equipment they are not permitted on the field (ie. Won't wear the batting helmet – can't bat, won't wear the catcher equipment – can't play the catcher position, etc.)**
- 3 strikes – batter is out. 4 balls – batter is walked. 3 outs, side retired.
- 5 run mercy rule.
- Last inning open ended – no mercy rule. Coaches must agree when the last inning is.
- 1 base only on an over throw.
- Base runner on 3rd is allowed to walk home if the bases are loaded and the batter gets a walk.
- All players who attend the game play – players are put on typical field positions and the rest are in the outfield.
- Pitcher can pitch underhand or windmill. No over hand pitching.
- Throwing the Bat will result in a warning. Continuing to throw the bat may result in the player not being allowed to bat for the rest of the game – but can play in field.