

ROGERS COMMUNITY-SCHOOL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

6 & UNDER - T-BALL RULES

USSSA RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED, EXCEPT WHERE AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) All players must be on the league-issued roster on file with the league director prior to playing in any games. Any coach that violates this procedure WILL FORFEIT the game(s) that the illegal player participates in.
- (2) Pitching Distance – 35'; Base Distance – 60'; Ball Used – Soft Compression 9" Baseball
- (3) Shoes must be worn. **No Steel Cleats!**
- (4) Teams may start or continue a game with a minimum of six players. Teams must begin at scheduled game time if six (6) or more players are present at game time. If less than six players are present, the game is a forfeit.
 - (5) a. A batting order of all girls present at game time will be presented to the opposing coach. Any late arrivals will be added to the bottom of the list. Each girl will bat in the order listed.
 - b. The turn at bat of each team shall consist of all players present, regardless of how many outs are recorded.
 - c. A child may be removed from the line-up without an "automatic out" in the case of injury or need to leave early.
- (6) Batting will be done from a tee for the first half of the season. The second half of the season will be coach-pitch. After 4 attempts the coach may help. Batter will continue until she has hit a fair, playable ball.
- (7) A regulation game will consist of seven innings. Exceptions: There will be an absolute 60 minute time limit on each game. The game ends after expiration of 60 minutes, no matter who is batting.
- (8) Each girl will play defense, but only six defensive players are permitted on the infield dirt. The pitcher must play inside the pitching circle and all other infielders, besides the catcher, must be behind the pitcher. Defensive players shall be permitted to wear any type of glove at any position.
- (9) The catcher must wear a mask, protective helmet, shin guards, and chest protector. All batters and baserunners must wear protective helmets, including the on-deck batter. Deliberate loss of the helmet is an automatic out! Accidental helmet loss is not an out.
- (10) In order for time out to be called, the ball must be under control of the pitcher, while the pitcher is within the pitcher's circle, and all runners have ceased advancing.
- (11) To promote good sportsmanship, any verbal harassment directed towards an opposing team by players, coaches, or fans is prohibited. Cheer as loud as you want for your team, but do not direct negative comments toward the other team.