

MOBERLY PARKS AND RECREATION

Coach Pitch Recreation Softball League

(GIRLS 7-8 years old) as of May 20th

This league is intended to be instructional and fun.

Coaches, players and fans are expected to follow the rules.

Summer 2024

GENERAL

- Ball: 11" MSHSAA approved softball
- Pitcher: 35 feet
- Time limit: One (1) Hour
- Bases: 60 feet
- Umpire: One, behind plate

OFFENSE & DEFENSE

- Free substitution. Each player must play two innings in the field (six defensive outs). Players who have played two consecutive defensive innings cannot play a third defensive inning if another player on the bench has not played. Starting line-ups must change from game to game. A player may not play the same position for more than two consecutive innings.
- Team batting orders will be fixed throughout the game and must include all the players in attendance. Any player not participating must have a reason why they are not playing clearly stated on the card, for example: J. Smith-Injury related.
- Three strikes. Strikes will be called even if the batter does not swing. No walking.
- There is a limit of 6 pitches per batter.
- The batter is out on a dropped third strike.
- The offensive team will continue to bat until three outs have occurred or the line-up has been through once.
- No leading off or stealing. Base runners must stay on the base until the ball is hit.
- When a ball is hit into fair territory, a runner may continue to advance, until 1) the player/pitcher within the 16-foot circle around the pitcher's mound controls the ball or 2) the umpire has the ball.
- A coach or parent can stand behind (off to the side) the catcher and assist them with passed pitched balls. The coach/parent cannot assist on a play at home or an overthrow. A coach/parent can stand in the field when their team is on defense. The coach/parent cannot assist in plays and should avoid the path of the ball.
- A runner will only be allowed to advance one base on each over throw.
- The infield fly rule does not apply.
- The defensive team will have no fewer than 7 players and no more than 10 players.
- If a runner has passed the halfway mark between bases when the play stops, the runner will be awarded the next base. If the runner has not passed the halfway mark, the runner must return to the last base touched.
- No win-loss records will be kept; therefore no trophies will be awarded. There is no post-season tournament held in this division.
- Unsportsman-like acts of any type will not be tolerated (profanity, throwing, of equipment, emotional outbursts). Players, coaches, spectators ejected from the game area are ineligible to attend their teams' next two games (the season if ejected twice).
- Players, coaches, batboy/girl are the ONLY individuals allowed in the dugout during a game.
- Game time is forfeit time...borrow a player from another team if necessary.
- No smoking in dugouts or while sitting in bleachers (Designated areas are available by restrooms.)

Pitching

- There will be a player in the pitching position for fielding purposes.
- The player/pitcher must begin inside the pitching circle for each at bat.
- The coach pitching and the umpire are considered part of the field.

For postponements/cancellations from inclement weather:

Sign up for CivicReady (Alert Sense) at www.cityofmoberly.com to receive texts or emails,

Call the MPRD HOTLINE at 263-HTLN (4856) or

check the City of Moberly's website www.cityofmoberly.com after 4 p.m.

Moberly Parks and Recreation reserves the right to make changes to these rules as deemed necessary.