

## **Highland Little League**

### **Girls Development League Rules**

- Coach pitch, underhand. About 10 steps from the plate. Try to make underhand throws straight...not like traditional slow pitch. After three strikes (swing and misses) or 6 total pitches that are strikes, but the batter is not swinging, a tee comes out
- Everyone bats – Inning over when: 3 outs or when 10 batters have batted.
- Games are 6 innings OR 1 hour. If it's close to the hour, make a decision with coaches on starting another inning. Don't start another inning if the game has past the hour time limit
- No advancing on overthrows. This is to encourage girls to attempt the throws with little risk.
- Runners can advance to the next base on balls hit to the outfield until the ball is in the outfielder's glove or hand.
- Tie goes to the defense on close plays in order to reward defensive plays. • Infielders should not field balls hit to the outfield.
- Runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.
- Outfielders– must start and stay on the grass and should throw the ball into the infield or to the cut-off person. Outfielders can't run the ball into the infield or take the ball to the base themselves.
- Outfielders can make legitimate infield plays, i.e. right fielder can make throwing put-outs at first base, etc.
- Everyone plays in the field. If not in an infield spot, find a spot in the OF.
- No traditional catcher. However, there will be someone playing the catcher position. She will wear her batting helmet and stand on the same side as the batter near the dugout entrance.
- Coaches must use the player grids provided by the commissioner.
- The player in the pitcher's position can be to the right or left of the coach pitching
- First and third base coaches call plays at first and third base respectively.
- Coach pitching calls plays at second base and home plate.
- ALL fielders are required to wear a protective mask.
- A base runner hit by a batted ball in fair territory is out.
- Encourage girls to make the "right softball play." Example pitcher running the ball to first base.

We will not keep score.