**PEARL RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE**

**ROOKIE GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES**

**2018**

The PRLL Board of Directors has approved the following modifications to the Official Little League Rule Book for use in the 2018 Rookie Girls Softball Division.

**1. ATTIRE**

* 1. Uniform shirts and visors provided by Pearl River Little League must be worn during all games.
  2. Gray or black softball/baseball pants should be worn at all games.
  3. Metal spikes/cleats are not allowed at practices or at games.
  4. Softball cleats should be worn at all practices and games for safety.

1. **PITCHING**
   1. The coach of the team at bat will pitch to his/her team.
   2. Coaches must pitch from a distance of 30 feet; both teams must adhere to this distance at all times during games.
   3. The position player at the pitcher’s position **must wear helmet**.
   4. Three swinging strikes will result in an out. Coaches should encourage players to swing the bat.

**3**. **BATTING**

* 1. Each team’s turn at bat will end by means of 3 outs, a full bat-around, or 5 runs scored, whichever comes first. **The five run rule will not apply to the 6th inning, but the bat-around will. This waiver of the 5 run rule applies** **only** **to the 6th inning**.
  2. The number of players for a bat-around shall consist of the **greater** number of players on either team.
  3. A 6-foot arc must be drawn from home plate. If a batted ball does not pass outside of the arc, it will be called FOUL.
  4. A batter (and all base runners) may advance 2 bases on a batted ball that lands on the outfield grass on a fly.
  5. A fair ball hit over the outfield fence on a fly will be a home run**.(Heroes Field)**
  6. Bunting, stealing and advancing are not allowed; there is no infield fly rule.
  7. Sliding is optional.
  8. An adult, connected with the hitting team, **must** stand behind the catcher to assist in catching pitched ball that the catcher misses. This person may move a bat out of the way of a runner, but may not interfere with the game in any other way.

**4. FIELDING**

* 1. The catching position will be utilized for the entire season with a mandatory coach backup from the hitting team.
  2. The pitcher may make plays at home plate.
  3. A maximum of 11 girls may play the field as follows:
     1. 6 infielders, including a player at the pitcher’s position and a catcher.
     2. 5 outfielders, who must be positioned on the outfield grass.
  4. Infielders should be positioned within 3 feet of the base path; they may move in to field a batted ball.
  5. Outfielders cannot make plays at bases. In making a play on a runner, outfielders must make throws to the infield. They cannot run into the infield and “handoff” to the infielder or make the play themselves.
  6. No player may sit on the bench for more than one consecutive inning.
  7. **No player can play the same infield position more than twice in a single game**.

# 5. MISCELLANEOUS

* 1. The score will be kept for each game.
  2. Lineups must be traded before each game.
  3. League standings are **not** kept for this division.
  4. Base paths are 50 feet in length.
  5. Respective managers will umpire each game, i.e. **the manager whose team is on the field will call safe/out.** No one else may make the call(s).
  6. A maximum of a manager and 2 coaches are allowed on the field with their team.
  7. The League Coordinator and/or VP Softball only, may reschedule games.
  8. Weeknight rainouts may be made up on the first available Monday, subject to availability.
  9. Weekend rainouts may be made up on the first available Sunday, subject to availability.
  10. Games will be 6 innings in length.
  11. No new inning may start once the game has exceeded 1 hour and 45 minutes.
  12. The VP Softball, coordinator and Softball Committee will decide viability of playoffs in this division.
  13. **If playoffs are permitted, a random format will allow all teams to participate.**
  14. **If playoffs are permitted, umpires will be chosen from volunteer managers from the Rookie Division.**

**Thank You and enjoy the season!**