

# **2011 Frederick County Girls Softball League**

## **12 & UNDER RULES**

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1. A regulation game for 12 & Under is 7 innings. A complete game consists of five (5) full innings or four and one-half (4 1/2) innings, if the home team is ahead, or when the **2 hour time limit** rule has been reached. Games will have a **2-hour time limit** but once an inning starts, you must complete that inning in full, unless the home team is ahead. **(see General Rules A-5)**. If an inning starts and home team does not get to finish, and visitors are ahead, they don't necessarily win. Game reverts back to the previously completed inning. No new inning will start if the time limit expired at the time of the last out of the previous inning. An inning started prior to the time limit will be completed. The time limit **or darkness (without a weather delay)** constitutes a complete game regardless of the number of innings played.
2. 15 run rule is in effect after 5 full innings or 4 and ½ if home team is ahead.
3. If pitchers hit any 3 batters in one inning where 1<sup>st</sup> base is awarded they must be removed for that inning as pitcher. If pitcher hits a total of 5 batters where first base is awarded, they will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
4. Pitchers are allowed to use "slingshot" or "windmill" delivery styles
5. **Players have to play 6 (six) defensive outs. The batting order will consist of all players at the game, and will run in a continuous order,** **(General Rules 9-D ALL players must play a minimum of 2 innings in the field (12, 15, and 18 & Under). This rule is suspended in the event of injury, sickness, or disciplinary action taken by the coach (before or during the game), or unless the game is shortened due to time rule or 15 run rule.**
6. An inning will end in any one of the following ways:
  - a. When **three** (3) outs are made.
  - b. When **five** (5) runs are scored in that inning. (Innings 1 – 5 only, suspended in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings).
7. If a batter is hit by a pitched ball regardless of whether the ball hits the ground first, and the batter makes an attempt to get out of the way as determined by the umpire, it is a dead ball and the batter is awarded first base.
8. Outfielders need to be 10 feet behind the base line when the pitch is being delivered
9. Face masks are required on all helmets.