

CHELMSFORD GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE- U12 Division Playoff Rules

INJURIES: Any player who has suffered an injury or has a pre-existing injury and is under the care of a physician will not be allowed to participate in any Game or Practice until a Physician's note is provided to the Head Coach and Division Manager.

Games must start promptly at the designated time (15 minute grace); regulation game is seven (7) innings and all (7) innings MUST be played . No Protests allowed.

Each player must be in uniform to play games. The uniform consists of shirt, socks, and pants. Shirts must be tucked in so that the umpire can accurately call balls and strikes. Each team must have at least 8 players at the start and throughout the completion of the game. Any player showing up after the first pitch must be placed at the end of the lineup. A forfeit must be taken if a team cannot field more than seven players. The CGSL pull –up policy should be followed to eliminate any forfeits. Players can only be pulled up from the younger divisions and cannot be pulled from other teams in the division.

Facemasks must be worn by pitchers, third basemen, and first basemen. It is strongly suggested, but not required, that all fielders wear facemasks.

Playing Matrix is suspended for playoff games.

All player eligibility questions are to be resolved prior to the start of the game.

Home teams sit on the 1st base side and will be responsible for placing the bases before the game and placing them in the storage container at the field after the game is complete. BOTH teams will provide one (1) game ball to the umpire prior to the start of the game.

Rainouts will be re-scheduled. The decision to play or not will be made 1 ½ hours prior to game time and will be posted on the league website. Coaches please tell players/parents to check the website to see if a game has been rained out

No equipment outside of the team bench. No one, except the coach, base coaches (team members or coaches) and the on-deck batter will be allowed outside the bench. Players who are coaching at a base must wear a helmet.

Umpires will be USA Adult umpires. Remember that they will make mistakes. However, do not argue about rules with the umpire. Have a quiet discussion on the ruling with the umpire between innings or call your division manager. If there is a problem with the umpiring please email the league immediately with name of the umpire, the game location, and the date/time of the game.

Keep a copy of these policies in your scorebook. Talk the policies and the Rules of the Game out with

Game Rule Exceptions:

USA U12 Rules and Regulation apply except as noted.

- Dropped 3rd strike rule will be in play. On a dropped third strike the runners may advance at risk of being put out.
- Roster: CGSL assigned Rosters and CGSL Player Pull-up Policy must be followed.
- Batting: A continuous Batting order will be used by all teams.
- Bats: Composite bats are allowed.
- Scoring: All USA Run Rules are suspended. An inning will end when 4 runs have been scored or 3 outs have been made with the exception of the 7th inning where there is no limit on runs scored. This rule applies only to the 7th inning and may not be applied to any other inning for any reason (darkness, time limit, etc.) There will be no continuation scoring, a maximum of 4 runs will be scored in innings 1 to 6.
- Fielders: Ten (10) fielders will be allowed on the field. The additional player must play in the outfield and all four outfielders must play on the outfield grass. The outfield players may not enter the infield until the ball is put into play by the batter, the catcher has the ball after a pitch, or the ball is otherwise live and in play.
- Pitching: Coaches are permitted to use pitchers as often as needed during playoffs. Coaches are expected to use best judgement and not push girls to exhaustion or injury. Any pitcher that hits three girls in one inning must be removed and cannot return to pitch in that game.

All Game scores MUST BE REPORTED BY BOTH COACHES, either by email or text to the Division Manager immediately following the game.

Pitching: Distance 40 feet Ball:

12"