

DMSL GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

- 1) National Federation Softball rules will be used along with the following league rules.
- 2) Jewelry of any kind may not be worn.
- 3) Home team is responsible for maintaining the official scorebook.
- 4) Substitutions must be position for position.
- 5) Coaches Option: An Extra Hitter (EH) may be used in any position of the lineup. This position can be filled by anyone not already in the current lineup. Once you have established the EH it must remain in the line-up throughout the game.
- 6) Time Limit: No new inning may begin after one hour and forty five minutes (1:45). The time begins from the first pitch. If 6 innings are completed before 1:45 the game is over.
- 7) There is no time limit for the championship game.
- 8) Ten (10) run rule per inning, and, after 4 innings of play, if any team is up by 10 runs or more the game will be called and the team ahead will be the winner.
- 9) If a team is winning by 11 runs in the last inning, the last half inning may be played with the knowledge that the trailing team cannot win.
- 10) International Tie Breaker Rules apply if the game is tied after 1:45, or if 6 complete innings have been played and the game score is tied. The following will apply:
 - Last out from previous inning goes to second base with 1 out
 - 1st batter up will be the player on deck before the last recorded out from prior inning
 - Each batter will begin with a count of 2 balls and 1 strike
 - Both teams will have a chance to bat until the tie is broken
 - Visiting and Home team remain in the same position until the tie is broken
- 11) Catcher's equipment must be worn by the catcher and will consist of the following:
Cleats, shin guards, chest protector, cup, and a mask with a hard helmet and throat protector.
- 12) No metal cleats will be allowed.
- 13) Twelve inch YELLOW softballs will be used
- 14) The pitching mound will be set at 40 feet
- 15) Helmets must be worn at all times by hitters and base runners. All players entering the live ball territory must put on a helmet. (Ex: a bench player retrieving a foul ball)
- 16) You may allow a player to be a base coach if no coach is available. The player must wear a batting helmet in order to be a base coach.
- 17) Courtesy runners may be used for the pitchers and catchers. However, the courtesy runner may not be a position player.
- 18) Playoff teams will be determined by season ranking. If there is a tie the teams will be determined as follows:
 - Overall winning percentage
 - Head to head record
 - Points allowed per game
 - Coin Flip