

## 2023 JUNIOR DIVISION SOFTBALL RULES

1. THE HOME TEAM TAKES THIRD BASE DUGOUT. VISITOR WILL TAKE FIRST BASE DUGOUT.
2. 12IN BALL WILL BE USED IN THIS DIVISION.
3. EACH TEAM MUST PLAY A CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER (FULL LINE UP).
4. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY 6 DEFENSIVE OUTS
5. PLAYERS MAY ONLY PITCH 2 INNINGS A GAME.
6. RUNNERS MAY STEAL ONCE THE PITCHER RELEASES THE BALL.
7. THE PITCHING DISTANCE IS 43 FEET.
8. EACH HALF INNING WILL END WITH EITHER THREE OUTS OR OFFENSEIVE TEAM REACHES FIVE RUNS.
9. THE DROP THIRD STRIKE RULE IS IN EFFECT IN THIS DIVISION.
10. MERCY RULE IS AS FOLLOWS: 15 RUNS AFTER 3 INNINGS, 10 RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS, 8 RUNS AFTER 5 INNINGS.
11. YOU MAY PINCH RUN FOR A PITCHER OR CATCHER ONLY WITH TWO OUTS.
12. THERE WILL BE NO NEW INNING AFTER 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES.
13. YOU MAY ONLY INTENTIONAL WALK EACH PLAYER ONCE PER GAME.
14. ALL OTHER RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED ACCORDING TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK.