

202 Middle Girls Rules

These rules are to be followed along with the other Leelanau County Youth League Rules.

1. Ages 10, 11, 12 & 13 on May 1st. Anyone violating this rule will be ejected from the league and all games played with that player will be forfeited.
2. Coaches shall play all participants every game except for disciplinary reasons. Players must field two innings and bat every rotation. Unlimited substitution except pitcher.
3. Moderate fast pitch with less than 8 ft. arc. Official 12 inch softball.
4. Base length 60 ft. Pitching mound 40 ft.
5. Regulation game is 6 innings, with one extra inning allowed for tie.
6. Four (4) innings (because of darkness or rain) complete a game.
7. Six (6) run limit except for last inning which is unlimited.
8. A new inning cannot be started after 8:30 p.m. e.g. if it is 8:25 p.m. at the start of a new inning, that is the last inning and runs are unlimited. To speed game up, players should run on and off field.
9. Catcher's mask with helmet, chest protector and shin guards are mandatory. Batting helmet for batter, runners, and the on deck batter are also mandatory.
10. Pitchers starting position: one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's mound. Shoulders are to be square with first and third base. One step back and forward is permitted on delivery of pitch underhand motion. Wind up is optional. Face guard shall be worn.
11. Pitcher may only pitch 9 outs per game. If a pitcher pitches more than 9 outs they will be ejected from the game. Scorekeepers are to keep track of this. (Note: 9 outs are not the same as 3 innings.) Example: Sarah pitches 3 innings, but on 3rd inning the inning ends due to run limit. Sarah gets to pitch the 4th inning as well until the 9th out is made.
12. When a pitcher is removed from the mound, she may re-enter as the pitcher once per game.
13. If the pitcher hits 3 batters in one game, she is to be removed from the mound and cannot be returned to the mound.
14. If the batter has been hit by a pitch and has made an attempt to get out of the way she gets first base.
15. No infield fly rule.
16. Batters may run on a dropped third strike if there are less than two outs and first base is unoccupied or there are two outs. If first base is occupied with less than two outs, the batter is out regardless of a dropped third strike. (New 6/4/19)
17. Bunting is allowed.
18. Rover is an outfield position only. Rover has to stay on the grass to start play. Can move off grass upon "crack of bat".
19. Runners may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A runner that leaves the bag early will be called out. (Revised 6/4/19) **Revise to NO STEALING**
20. No "shagger", catchers and pitchers must play live ball. (Revised 6/4/19)
21. If a player misses their turn at bat, it is an automatic out. If the coach declares the player removed from the game, they are not out — but they may not return to the game.
22. It is recommended for infield to use face guards.