



McHenry Pigtail League

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6U Division Rule Exceptions

The McHenry Pigtail Softball League has adopted to follow the rules of the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) with the following exceptions:

Pitching:

1. Coaches will pitch to their own players.
2. There are no ball or strike calls. No strike zone, therefore no strikeouts or walks.
3. Two (2) players will be used at the pitcher's position.

Batting:

1. Full roster batting shall be used and kept for the entire game. The team at bat will bat until they receive 3 outs in an inning or have batted through their line up. The maximum number of batters allowed in each ½ inning will be once through the line up or to a number equal to the team having the greater number of players.
2. Any batter injured during their turn at bat and can't continue playing, will be replaced for the rest of her turn at bat by the player who made the last batted out. If there are no outs made the last batter in the order will be used.
3. Players will receive 5 pitches during their turn at bat. If they foul off the 5th pitch they will continue to bat until they either miss the pitch or get a hit. The balls will be collected after each batter's at bat and returned to the coach pitching. If the batter does not hit the ball in play by the 5th pitch, the coach shall simply declare the batter out but the strike out will not count as one of the 3 outs in the half inning.
4. On deck batters need to be behind the batter.
5. Unintentional thrown bats will result in an initial warning being given to each team. Subsequent unintentional thrown bats will result in a dead ball out. Intentionally thrown bats are considered unsportsmanlike behavior and may result in ejection.
6. Protective headwear that includes facemask must be worn by all batters on the bases and in the on-deck circle.

Base Running:

1. The bases will be at 60 feet.
2. Base runners may advance only after the ball is hit by the batter and the continuing play on the ball. No stealing, no lead-offs, and no running on the pitch.
3. You may use a courtesy runner if the batter reaches a base and is injured. The new runner will be the player to have made the last batted out. If there are no outs, the runner will be the last player in the batting order. Also, when there are 2 outs in an inning YOU MAY use a courtesy runner for your catcher as described above. This is to allow time for her to get the catching gear on.
4. There will be no advancing on the bases once the ball has returned to the infield.

Defense:

1. There is no infield fly rule in effect in the 6U Division.
2. Managers may substitute freely as long as each player plays at least 3 defensive innings.
3. On defense a team will field 2 players at the pitcher's position, 4 outfielders, and a short center fielder for a total of 12 players. The short center must be positioned behind 2nd base until the ball is batted.
4. On defense 1 or 2 coaches may be in the field to talk to but not physically assist their players.

General:

1. Both teams are responsible for making the field ready for play. They are also responsible for putting all equipment away after the game is over. Turn off the lights, lock field boxes, etc. unless there is a game or practice following your game on that field.
2. A minimum of 6 players per team.
3. There will be no trading of players between teams.
4. A new inning begins as soon as the home team makes the 3rd out or has batted through the line up once.
5. There is a 1-½ hour time limit. No inning will start after the time limit has expired. The inning in progress will be played out in full. A full game is the number of innings allowed in the time limit; a complete game is 6 innings.
6. All players must wear rubber sole non-slip or all-purpose rubber spiked shoes. All players must wear all parts of league issued attire. The issued jersey must be worn as the outer garment.
7. No shorts except shorts with sliding pad (purchased independently) or jewelry may be worn at practice or games.
8. Medic alerts will be allowed but must be taped down.
9. Protective equipment must be worn at all practices and games.
10. All team members are to stay in their dugout area unless they are warming up or on deck to bat. They may go to the bathroom or concession stand. All other times they are to stay in the dugout.
11. Players may be borrowed from other 6U Division teams to fill in on your team if you are short of players. Borrowed player will play anywhere, manager's discretion. They must wear their team's jersey. They must bat at the bottom of the order.
12. If an umpire does not show up for your game, both team managers will have to agree on someone to officiate the game. If this happens, the HOME team manager will be responsible for notifying the Umpire Coordinator for payment to the person who umpired the game.
13. The HOME team manager will notify the Umpire Coordinator if no umpire shows up to umpire their game.
14. For a rescheduled or suspended game date, the HOME team manager will contact the Umpire Coordinator within 48 hrs from the scheduled game time (for field assignment). The Umpire Coordinator will notify the managers of the make-up time and date.
15. There will be no singing, chanting, or verbal communication directed towards the opposing team, members of the team or attendees of the game. Any unsportsmanlike conduct may lead to ejection from the game for any manager, coach, player, or attendee. They must leave the park entirely until the conclusion of the game. Failure to do so or further incidents, are subject to forfeiture of the game by the offending team. If both teams are involved it will result in a double forfeiture.
16. The team managers are responsible for making sure all attendees connected in any way to their team act in accordance with the league rules. Failure to do so will result in ejections or possible end of the game.
17. A manager or coach may request a time-out but may not enter the playing field until granted by the Umpire.
18. There are no protests in the MPL.
19. A team manager will notify the Division VP with any complaints in writing.
20. Managers of tournament teams shall be determined by a vote of the Divisional Managers.
21. Multi walled bats are not allowed in the League.
22. **No smoking or vaping will be allowed within city parks according to city ordinance.**
23. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed within city parks according to city ordinance.
24. All-star selection process – vote by players.
25. There will be no official score or runs, just records of batters, innings, and outs.
26. There will be no league standings.
27. An 11-inch soft covered ball will be used.
28. There will be an All Star game played at the end of the season.

All rule exception/changes must be submitted to the McHenry Pigtail Softball League Board of Directors/Rules Committee. No change will take effect until the following season after being adopted by the McHenry Rules Committee/Board of Directors.