

# 2022 HGSL OFFICIAL RULES – 10U DIVISION

## PLAYERS

- Minimum of 8 players to start and finish a game.
- Maximum of 10 players on the field
- **Coaches must attempt to bring up players from 8U division to fill roster spots (with the approval of an executive board member) and avoid a forfeit. Players may also be used from 10U teams that are not playing at Commissioner's discretion. Players that are called up must bat at the end of your line-up.**
- **Coaches will utilize players from the opposing team (if need be) to field the required number of players to play the game.**
- **Players called up cannot pitch.**
- No Short Fielder – Must use 4 outfielders.

## GENERAL RULES

- 6 inning game.
- Distance between the bases is 60 ft.
- Distance from home plate to pitching rubber is 35 ft.
- Free substitutions – all players should play 2 innings in the field and have one at bat.
- Games must start within 15 min. of game time. No inning will start after 1 hour 45 min.
- 3 ½ innings, if the home team is ahead, will be a complete game. 4 innings will be a complete game if the visiting team is ahead or tied.
- Mercy Rule = 12 run difference after 4 innings. It is encouraged that teams continue playing after the 12 run difference has been reached. The purpose of rec is for the girls to play.
- 4 Runs per ½ inning limit. Unlimited runs in the 6th inning (not necessarily the last).
- **In no event shall a game end after the top of an inning, with the home team trailing, simply because the home team “cannot catch up” (behind by more than 4 runs before the 6<sup>th</sup> inning).**
- Timeout will be called if a catcher is on base with 2 outs, so that she may get her equipment on. The last girl batted out will take the catchers place on base to keep the game moving and avoid delays.

*The Executive Board Members are the only officials that can reschedule or cancel a game!*

## BATTING

- No Bunting
- No Infield fly rule

## BASE RUNNING

- Stealing from 2nd to 3rd base is permitted.
- Maximum 3 steal per ½ inning
- A player who leaves the safety of their base after 3 steals is at risk of being tagged out.
- No steals on a ball thrown back to the pitcher. The ball is considered “dead” on its return to the pitching circle.