

2022 HGSL OFFICIAL RULES – 8U DIVISION

PLAYERS

- Max 10 players in the field
- Coach pitches
- Players can be borrowed from opposing team if needed

GENERAL RULES

- 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 infield and have one at bat. As much as possible, girls should be rotated through ALL positions unless there is a concern for their safety. If there is a concern, this should be discussed with the girl's parent(s) so they know what they should work on.
- Games must start within 15 min. of game time. No inning will start after 1 hour 30 min.
- Each ½ inning is over when the defensive team makes 3 outs OR the entire line-up bats, whichever comes sooner.
- There is no limit on innings. **Games must be a minimum of 90 minutes.**
- Once teams play for 90 minutes and have played 4 innings, it will be considered a complete game.

BATTING

- Girls will receive 6 pitches. If they have not hit the ball after 6 pitches, the hitting T must be brought out.
- There are no strike-outs. Girls will hit off either the pitcher/coach or the hitting tee.
- No Infield fly rule

PITCHING

- Girls can begin to pitch after the 6th game. However, if the batter does not hit the ball in the first 3 pitches, the coach will pitch. The coach is still limited to 6 pitches before the tee is used.

BASE RUNNING

- No stealing allowed
- No running on throwing errors. Examples:
 - If the batter gets a hit and there is a play at first but the first baseman misses the catch, runner stays at first.
 - If the batter has a great hit and can make it to second, that is fine. However if the throw to second is off, she must stay at second.

COACHES

- Coaches should position themselves on the edge of the outfield while their team is playing the field to facilitate better learning opportunities.
- One coach should remain in the dugout at all times. Coaches from both teams assist each other whenever possible.

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