

# **Shawano Youth League Girls (9-10) Softball Rules 2018**

## **Player Eligibility**

1. Players cannot have reached the age 11 prior to January 1, 2018. No exceptions.

## **Game and Length**

1. Home Team is second team listed on schedule. Home team is the official scorer.
2. Game will be 6 innings. 15 run rule after 3 innings or 8 run rule after 5 innings.
3. Time limit...No new inning may start after 1 hour 20 minutes has elapsed in the game. The official start time will be announced to each coach at the start of the game by the home plate umpire.
4. A game ending in a tie will result in the game being officially recorded as a tie in the standings.
5. There is a 7-run limit per inning except the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
6. Bunting is allowed. No infield fly rule.
7. No bunting on coach pitch

## **Pitching**

1. Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game. One pitch constitutes an inning. At least 2 different pitchers must throw per game.
2. Pitchers are allowed 5 warm-up pitches in between innings. A new pitcher entering the game is allowed 8 warm-up pitches.
3. There will be NO WALKS. After 4 balls, the batting teams coach will become the pitcher and the strike count continues. Umpire will continue to call balls and strikes. Coaches may throw 5 pitches maximum. If 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off, batter will receive one more coach pitch. A foul ball strike will be recorded against any batter taking less than a full swing.
4. Third strike dropped ball is an out. A caught foul tip with 2 strikes, the batter is out.
5. BATTER MAY ONLY ADVANCE TO FIRST BASE ON COACH PITCH

## **Substitutions**

1. All players on the roster present will bat in the line-up, with late arrivals being added to the bottom of the line-up.
2. Free substitution is allowed in the field.
3. Maximum of 10 players on the field. Four players must remain on the outfield grass. Games may be played with 8 players with no penalty. If a player would get hurt you cannot finish with 7 players and the result would be a forfeit.
4. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field.

## **Base-runners**

1. Stealing is allowed after ball leaves pitchers hand, one base per batter. NO STEALING HOME.
2. Sliding is required if a play is being made on a runner. It is the umpire's judgment whether or not a play is being made and if sliding is necessary. A runner that does not slide when deemed necessary will be called out.
3. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher immediately following their at-bat. After the next pitch the option of a courtesy runner is gone. The runner must be the player whom made the last out.

## **Additional Rules**

1. Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach, or fans towards anyone will not be tolerated. This does include practices also. This type of activity can lead to an ejection without warning, and/or other disciplinary action at the sole discretion of the Shawano Youth League Board of Directors.
2. If a player is injured during an at-bat and cannot continue it is deemed an out. The next time that player would be up it is not an out if the player cannot continue.
3. When a manager claims an umpire's decision is in violation of the playing rules, he/she shall make a formal protest immediately to the home plate umpire. The plate umpire will confer with the other umpire(s) working the game and if needed the League VP, and will render a decision before play continues. Protests must be made at time of alleged violation to be addressed.