

## TCSA - Local Softball Ground Rules - The Colony TX

Inter-league NOTE: When The Colony teams play in Highland Village or Lewisville, they will play by the ground rules in place for that town. It is the coach's responsibility to discuss all local rules with the umpires and the opposing coaches to insure everything is clear and fair for both teams. When Highland Village or Lewisville comes to The Colony to play, they will play by the following ground rules:

### Rules that apply to all Divisions (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U)

- For games held in The Colony, the "HOME" team may be a team that is visiting from out of town. However it is the responsibility of the LOCAL home team or LOCAL visiting team to get to the fields 45 minutes early to get them ready for play. Fields must be chalked and bases must be put out before games begin. After games are over, the LOCAL home team or LOCAL visiting team is responsible for putting up the bases and cleaning up all trash in the dugouts, fields and stands.
- No player will sit on the bench for more than 2 consecutive innings.
- Home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook and visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard.
- No more than four Coaches / Volunteers and only ASA registered players are allowed in the dugout.
- Chanting in the Dugout to support your team is acceptable and considered sportsmanlike. Chanting in the Dugout to disturb the pitcher is considered unsportsmanlike and will not be allowed.
- Chanting in the field to rally the defensive positions or support the pitcher is considered sportsmanlike. Chanting from the field to disturb the batter and make them swing is considered unsportsmanlike and will not be allowed.
- Batting order is the full team roster.
- There are no courtesy runners as no substitutes are available.

#### NOTE

In an injury situation, the batter/runner having made the last out may be used as a courtesy runner.

In the event of a batter not being able to finish their at bat due to injury, the next batter in the lineup will assume the count of the injured batter

- Rules on how games will end:
  - If the home team is losing or tied and time on the clock has expired and they have not batted the bottom part of the inning, the home team will be allowed to finish the inning.
  - The game is over if the home team scores the winning run.
  - If the home team is winning and time has expired and they have not batted the bottom part of the inning, the game is over.
  - If both teams are tied after playing complete innings and time has expired, the game is over and a tie is declared.
  - Cumulative five runs per inning (e.g., may score up to five runs first inning, ten runs second inning, etc.).
  - Mercy Rule is 15 runs after three innings, eight runs after five innings.

**Pickup Players:** Teams are limited to a roster limit of nine (9) with the exception of ten (10) players for the 8U division. Those players are to play in the outfield and must bat at the bottom of the order. Players can be picked up from the same registered division or below and must be currently registered in TCSA Recreation.

### 8U Division Softball - Rules for this league will be 100% ASA, with the following exceptions

- Ten players maximum on the field, nine players minimum on the field to be distributed as six infield and four outfield.
- Sixty (60) minute game time limit
- Pitching is 100% machine pitch, and no stealing is allowed. (NOTE: Will revert to coach pitch if machine breaks or weather prohibits safe operation)
- Six pitch maximum, unlimited fouls on the last pitch.

### 10U Division Softball - Rules for this league will be 100% ASA, with the following exceptions:

- Nine players maximum on the field, eight players minimum on the field (ASA Rule).
- Seventy-five (75) minute game time limit.
- No third drop strike rule and/or infield fly rules apply (ASA Rule).
- Kid pitch only in TC

### 12U, 14U and 16U Division Softball - Rules for this league will be 100% ASA, with the following exceptions:

- Nine players maximum on the field, eight players minimum on the field.
- Seventy-five (75) minute game time limit.

### "B" Level and above players

There is no limit to the amount of players on a Recreational roster. It is the responsibility of the coaches and parents to determine the availability of those players to avoid conflicts of either division.