

# **New London Girls Youth Softball Association Inc.**

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## **8u Tournament Rules**

### **Team Eligibility**

Girls turning age 9 before January 1, Current Year are not eligible in this tournament. Proof of age must be provided upon request. Games will be forfeited in which an ineligible player has been used.

### **Team Roster**

Teams are limited to 15 players. A final roster must be turned in to the tournament director 30 minutes prior to the start of the 1st game. No changes will be made to rosters after that time. Please be sure to include on the team roster the coaching staff names and phone numbers, including cell phone numbers, to be contacted in the event of rain delays or rainout.

A maximum of 10 players will be allowed on the field. Of those 10, four (4) players must remain on the outfield grass until ball crosses homeplate. Nine (9) players are required to start a game, and eight (8) players are required to complete a game. All players present at the game and on the roster will bat in the lineup. Players arriving late will be added to the bottom of the lineup card.

This tournament allows for unlimited defensive substitution.

### **Coin Flip**

The Home team is decided by a coin flip conducted by the game's home plate umpire.

### **Official Scorebook**

As a courtesy to the visiting teams participating in our tournament, our scoring tower volunteers will keep the official scorebook.

### **Pitching Rules**

Pitchers are limited to three (3) consecutive or non-consecutive innings per game. One pitch in an inning is counted as an inning. A maximum of five (5) warm up pitches will be allowed between innings. A maximum of seven (7) pitches will be allowed for a new pitcher. If a pitcher appears to be delaying, play will be resumed. This is the umpire's judgement. Please keep the games moving. Intentional stalling as deemed by the umpire, or tournament director, may result in forfeiture of the game.

Pitchers will pitch from 35'

No walks. Coach will pitch after ball (4). The coach will take over the existing strike count and will have (3) pitches to pitch. If a player doesn't put a ball in play after the 3<sup>rd</sup> coach pitch she will be considered out unless it is a foul ball.

### **Batting Rules**

The coach must furnish the official score keeper with a copy of the batting order 15 minutes prior to the game.

**NO** metal spikes will be allowed.

Helmets with face guards must be worn until the player is in the dugout.

Dropped third strike rule is **NOT** in effect.

Bunting is allowed off the pitcher only. If a batter shows the bunt, they must bunt. No bunting is allowed off the coach pitch. The batter can pull back, but may not swing.

Slap hitting is **NOT** permitted.

### **Length of Play and Run Rule**

Each game will consist of five (5) innings with a 15 run rule after three (3) innings, and a ten (10) run rule after four (4) innings. There will be a five (5) run limit per inning, with unlimited runs allowed in final inning.

Each game will have a time limit of 1 hour and 20 minutes. The starting time must be agreed upon by each coach and confirmed by the umpire prior to play.

No new inning will start after 1 hour 10 minutes of play; however once an inning is started, it must be finished.

In pool play, if a game is tied after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or time limit, whichever occurs first, it will be recorded as a tie.

In bracket play, if a game is tied after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning or time limit, whichever occurs first, additional innings will be played using the international tie breaker rules until a winner is declared.

The **Championship** game will not have a time limit, but will be limited to 6 innings. If the game is tied after 6 innings, international tie breaker rules will be used until a winner is declared.

In the case of inclement weather, game length and time limit may be shortened at the discretion of tournament director.

### **Base Running Rules**

Stealing is allowed, but only one base per pitch even if played upon. Runners may steal when the ball crosses homeplate. Only 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base may be stolen. Baserunners must be batted in to score. Runners leaving early will be called out.

If a ball is thrown during a steal attempt, a runner may advance.

Sliding is required if a play is being made upon a runner. It is the umpire's judgment as to whether a play is being made. The umpire's decision is final.

There is no infield fly rule.

A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher and pitcher. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out.

### **Dugout**

Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their dugout after the game.

### **Inclement Weather Postponement / Cancellation**

In the event of a cancellation, tournament officials will make every effort to notify you as soon as possible, via either email, text message, or phone.

Rain delays or rainout will be resumed from the point of stoppage. In the event of inclement weather, games will be considered complete after four (4) innings. If weather does not allow your team to play three (3) games, the following rules will apply in refunding your team:

- 0 games played – full refund due
- 1 game played – ½ of the entry fee refund due
- 2 or more games played – no refund due

### **Additional Rules**

Any rules not covered in this document will be governed by WIAA rules.

### **Tournament Sportsmanship**

Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach, or fans toward an opposing team, umpire, or official of the tournament will NOT be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejection of said team member, coach, or fan, without warning, by a tournament official or umpire. As coaches, fans and parents let's teach and encourage good sportsmanship.

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WILL BE AVAILABLE**