

# 2014 HGSL OFFICIAL RULES – 8U FRESHMAN 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 Bunting
- **All Hi-Tech /Composite bats are banned from HGSL recreational play.**
- No Infield fly rule

## PITCHING

- Girls can begin to pitch. 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.

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