

Reedley Community Services Department
Girls Softball 4th & 5th Grades

ADMINISTRATION

1. All teams, participants, and coaches must confirm to and abide by all rules and regulations established by the Reedley Community Services Department and the Kings Canyon Unified School District as pertaining to the program.
2. All players and coaches participants at their own risk!

ELIGIBILITY

1. Should the response be such that there is a limited placement for participants, then the following criteria will be used to enter participants into the program:
 - a. Those persons residing within the City limits of the City of Reedley;
 - b. Those persons residing in the Kings Canyon Unified School District;
 - c. Others who wish to participant but do not meet the previous requirements shall be entered on a first come, first serve basis as openings permit.
2. This program is for girls in grades 4th and 5th.

GENERAL

1. Games will consist of four innings and/or of one hour and fifteen minutes. No new inning will start after 70 minutes.
2. Home team will seat in 3rd base dugout.
3. Each team roster will consist of at least 12 players. No player can sit on the bench for two (2) consecutive innings.
 - a. **All players who attend games must play!**
 - b. Batting order will consist of entire roster.
 - c. Teams will be up at bat until there are three (3) outs.
 - d. Defensive team-the team out on the field will position nine (9) players in the regular baseball positions. The one additional player will be positioned in fair territory in the outfield. 10 total players will be on defense. **PLAYERS MUST PLAY TWO DIFFERENT POSITIONS EACH GAME. Player must play position for 1 (one) complete inning to count. Please rotate your players at least every two innings.**

4. No change in three out rule. If three outs are made, the side is retired for that half inning.
5. 5 run rule for each inning. Home team needs to provide the scorekeeper.
6. No infield fly rule.
7. Each team must field seven (7) players to have a legal team. If not, the game will be a forfeit.
8. Stealing is not allowed.
9. Out of play lines
 - a. Any ball crossing over the restraining line, or extension thereof, is a dead ball (out of the field of play), Base runners are awarded one base.
10. Any players arriving at a game late will be added to the bottom of the batting order and enter the game at the top of the next inning.
11. Runners are awarded one (1) base on an overthrow, or out of play. The award is based upon the last base touched. The lead runner, in multiple base runner situations, always takes precedent to any successive runners.
12. Any batter who is batting out of order will be out.
13. There is no blocking of the bases by the defensive player. If the defensive player blocks the bag, the offensive player will be called safe.
14. Sliding is allowed. No head first sliding.
15. Umpire will make a time out call once the ball is in control by an infielder.
16. Pitching: Pitchers will pitch to the opposite team. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in 2 innings the pitcher will be pulled.
17. Bunting is allowed. **Not while a coach is pitching.**
18. There is no 3-strike rule. This will not be enforced. On the 3rd strike the player is out.
19. Lineups will be turned into the scorekeeper 5 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Card shall list all players on team roster.

20. Batting order will consist of entire roster. Roster cannot be changed during the game. Any player who comes late will be added to the end of the roster and enter the game at the top of the next inning.
21. Any batter who is batting out of order will be out.
22. A batter must wear a helmet before entering the batter's box. A batter-runner or runner will be called **OUT** if she or he intentionally removes her helmet when the ball is in play.
23. Girls will pitch from **30 feet**. This will be indicated by a chalk line.

UNIFORMS

- ✓ Exposed jewelry (wrist watches, bracelets, large or loop earrings and neck chains) or any other item judged dangerous (i.e.. bandanas) by the umpire may not be worn during the game.

NOTE: Any exposed metal may be considered legal if covered by soft material and taped.

- ✓ All players must wear shoes (tennis shoes or soccer shoes). **NO METAL CLEATS.**
- ✓ Players must wear the uniform T-shirt and hat provided by the City. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

COACHES

1. There will be a limit of not more than two (2) practices per week once the games begin. (Preferably one)
2. Coaches may not use any player other than those assigned by the Community Services Department. **Only players registered with the Community Services Department may participant in practices. No exceptions.**
3. Every team is only allowed 1 (one) head coach and 1 (one) assistant. Once the team is established parent helpers may assist.
4. Only the Head Coach can call a time out. Time outs can only be called in dead ball situation.
5. Coaches may not switch players with another team.

6. If a player consistently misses practices or games, contact the Recreation Department and explain the situation. Recreation Staff and coach will work out an alternate rule for this player.
7. Discipline problems will be referred to the Reedley Community Services Department Office. **Recreation Department must be notified before any action is taken.**
8. The offensive team will station first and third base coaches on the field during its time at bat. Only coaches registered with the Community Services Department can be on the field or in the dugout. **No exceptions!!**
9. Coaches are only allowed on the field to pitch to their players or in the case of an emergency.

SPECIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. Catchers must wear full protective gear and stand at least 3 feet from the batter.
2. Coach will pitch 2 pitches to the batter if they are walked.
3. Home team is responsible for providing the scorekeeper.
4. When defensive player has control of the ball in infield and the umpire will call time out. Remember only one base on an overthrow.
5. Ball size is 12 inch.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

By coach, assistant, parents, or spectators

Any act that is damaging to the goal of good sportsmanship, cursing directed at anyone, (including City Employees) excessive yelling, any physical conduct or threat of contact.

Any conduct that shows intent to disrupt the flow of the game can and will result in forfeiting a game. Anyone who disregards these rules may be asked to leave the game and facility. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Mission of Youth Sports Program- Our league is designed as a recreation league in which everyone that signs up **plays**. It is **not** a competitive league, nor designed to be a competitive league. The league is structured to allow youth an opportunity to recreate, learn basic skills and most of all just have **fun**.

Rules are available at www.reedley.com