



## 2008 GIRL'S FAST-PITCH RULES

1. You must be a member of a parish or attend the school to play on a CYO team / league. Rosters and Agreement of Liability Forms must be presented by the Director to the CYO office in order to receive your schedule. Players may be added to the rosters until the sixth game of the season.

2. Umpires receive \$15.00 per team. Please pay the officials before the game after they have signed your score book. You are required to pay \$50.00 for forfeit or no show. **All games are to be played as scheduled. The CYO office is the only one able to change games and games will only be changed for school sponsored events that are mandatory. The CYO office must have 1 week notice for any game changes unless a catastrophic reason.**

Officials have been instructed not to take abuse from coaches. They will ask you to leave or forfeit. Let's demonstrate good sportsmanship. REMEMBER: Girls and Coaches are learning fast-pitch. Please encourage not discourage.

3. Ohio High school rules are the standard for the CYO Fast-Pitch league. Ohio High School will govern all activities except where CYO exceptions takes precedence.

a. We will be playing 10 players on the field for defense. You may start a game with 9 players.

b. There will be a 8 run rule per inning except for the last inning. Last batter cannot walk. She will bat until she hits the ball or strikes out.

c. Pitching Distances

5<sup>th</sup> ----- 35 feet

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> ----- 40 feet

d. Bases

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> ----- 60 feet

**e. Innings**

5th ----- 5 innings / in case of rain 3 innings legal game.

No new inning to begin after 1 1/2 hour of play.

6th/7th/8th ----- 7 innings / in case of rain 5 innings legal game.

No new inning to begin after 1 1/2 hour of play.

**f. Run Rules**

5th ----- 10 runs after third inning

6th/7th/8th ----- 12 runs after fifth inning

**g. Re-entry Rule / Playing Time** Any of the ten starting players may be replaced and re-enter once. However, when returning, they must occupy the same position in the batting order. If a player gets injured and there is no one to replace that person that has not already been in the game, the opposing coach chooses the players from the bench who will replace the injured player. A team may bat all players present. If they do they may have free substitution when playing the field. This must be declared before the start of the game. In the fifth and sixth grade leagues, all players present, must play at least six consecutive outs. Batting all players will satisfy the six consecutive out rule.

**h.** There will be a ten minute grace period.

**i. Type of Ball:**        5<sup>th</sup> any type 11" ball  
                                  6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> any type 12" ball

**j. No jewelry may be worn - including earrings - no face paint or hair paint.**

**4. Rules to Remember :**

**a.** All grades will be playing the infield fly rule and may have a " DH".

**b.** On a walk you can not steal 2nd base-you must wait for pitch to steal (on walks only).

**c.** Stealing is allowed in the 6th/7th/8th grades only - no leadoffs must wait for pitcher to release ball on pitch. **No stealing in 5th grade**

**d.** If catcher drops ball on third strike, batter may run to first if entitled (6th/7th/8th grades only). **5Th grade batter is out on dropped third strike.**

**e.** Substitutes and re-entry after six outs pitchers excepted.

5. In case of rain, the home team is responsible for calling the game. If you are unable to reach the coach, please call the school and have them notify the players. The umpires assigned to your game will call home team coach two days prior to the game. Take their name and phone number where they can be reached in case of a rain-out. When rescheduling your rain-out game call Fast-Pitch assignor Carolee Braun 984-6574 (Home) between the hours of 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM only. Rain outs need to be made up as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the end of the season. Make up games need to be made up by May 11, 2008.

6. Winning team should call CYO office within 48 hours (242-1947). Recorder is on 24 hours a day. You may also post scores on our Web Site [www.cyosports.org](http://www.cyosports.org). When calling in your score leave message in the appropriate mailbox; give the league number, date of game, winning school, and score. If you wish to fax scores - 242-2983. Teams with the most wins will be declared league champions. Teams with most wins will be declared league champions at season-end as well as for tournament eligibilities.

**7. Post season tournament-the top four teams from each division will be eligible for the season end tournament. This tournament will begin tentatively week of May 19, 2008.**