



## 2012 GIRL'S SLOW-PITCH RULES (ROUGH DRAFT)

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 for 3rd and 4th grade receive \$10.00 per team / per game. 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.

3. ASA rules are the standard for the CYO softball league. ASA will govern all activities except where CYO exceptions takes precedence.

a. For all leagues 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. For all leagues there will be a 8 run rule except for the last inning.

b. Pitching Distances:

3rd/4th ----- 30 feet

The pitching arc is from 2 to 10 feet from the ground. Pitchers may not windup – may go from 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock.

An illegal pitch is not a dead ball but a ball.

No 3rd strike foul ball rule.

Pitching Rubber must be used at all levels.

**c. Bases:**

3rd/4th ----- 55 feet

**d. Innings:**

3rd/4th ----- 5 innings /  
in case of rain - 3 innings legal game

No new innings to begin after 1 1/2 hour of play. **Unless tied.**

**e. Run Rules**

3rd/4th ----- 10 runs after third inning.

**f. Playing Time for 3rd/4th**

All players present must bat in the roster they are listed. This batting order is continued throughout the entire game. If one team has fewer players than the other, they only have to bat as many players as the other team has on its lineup sheet. If a player is hurt or sick she may be skipped over in the lineup. The batting team will not be charged with an out when that player's turn is up in the batting order. If a player comes after play begins and her team is batting all players present she may be inserted in the last batting position for that game. All players must play on defense (three out minimum). You may start ten or nine players and may finish with eight players.

**g. Grace Period:** There will be a ten minute grace period.

**h. Equipment:** Catchers must wear body protector, catcher's mask and helmet. The 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> grades will be using 11 inch softball (Green Dot). Batting helmets must have mask.

**i. Dead Ball:** The 3rd and 4th grades will play the ball dead when the ball gets to infielder and is controlled. If runner is halfway she goes to next base. Otherwise she returns to the last base. (Point of emphasis)

**j. Infield Fly Rule:** We are playing this rule for all grades.

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

4. In case of rain, the home team is responsible for calling the game. Call the opposing coach. 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 the home team coach two days prior to the game. Take their name and phone number where they can be reached in case of rain-out. When rescheduling your rain-out games call the Softball 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. All Make up games need to be made up by May 16, 2012.

5. 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) report scores tab. When calling in your score; give the league number, date of game, winning school, and score. Teams with the most wins will be declared league champions at season-end as well as for tournament eligibility.

**6. Post season tournament-the top four teams from each division (grade) will be eligible for the season end tournament. This tournament will begin on Monday May 21, 2012.**