

## **2007 JUNIOR PETITE DIVISION (Ages 7-8)**

Girls must be 6 years old by September 1st of prior year and 8 years old until September 1st of current year.

### **Junior Petite Rules**

- 1. Ball–11 inch**
- 2. Base length–50 feet**
- 3. Pitching mound--27 feet**
- 4. Innings–6 innings or 1:45 hour time limit. No inning will start after 1:45 hour time limit. An official game is 4 innings or 1:45. A complete game is 6 innings.**
- 5. 40 degree weather rule will be enforced. Commissioners will call the games based on weather conditions.**
- 6. During practice or games, players may wear shorts only when wearing a sliding pad.**
- 7. Free substitution & continuous batting order–8 batters per inning.**
- 8. Once ball four crosses the plate; the coach may pitch the remaining pitches to a count of strike three. For example, the batter has the count of four balls, one strike; the coach then may throw only two pitches. Two strike, the coach pitches one time.**
- 9. No base stealing. Base runners may not advance to the next base once the ball enters the infield. A runner may only advance if she is at or beyond the halfway mark to the next base.**
- 10. No dropped third strike.**
- 11. No infield fly rule.**
- 12. Base runners may not leave base until the ball is batted.**
- 13. Team fielding has the option of having one manager/coach on the field behind the baseline as an instructor.**
- 14. Pitcher may only pitch two innings. The first pitch in an inning will count as an inning. Three batters hit in an inning will result in the player being removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game. Four hits (different innings) will result in the player being removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game.**
- 15. Each team will bat eight batters per inning. Once the eighth batter completes her turn at bat, the inning is over. Balls, strikes, outs, and safe will be enforced.**
- 16. Players must play at least three innings. Top and bottom of the inning constitutes an inning played. A player may not sit out consecutive innings.**
- 17. Home team will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout/Visitor will take 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.**
- 18. On deck batter must be next to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach.**
- 19. No playoffs/ no standings.**
- 20. Participation trophy will be awarded at Awards Picnic in August.**
- 21. Rules interpretation should be addressed to Division Commissioner or League Board Member.**