



# **Frederick County Girls Softball League**

## **Fall Rules**

Revised August 2024

## **General Rules and Age Group Rules still apply with the following exceptions:**

1. Games will be played at the following times on Sundays:
  - 8u and 12u – 1:00pm
  - 10u and 15u – 3:30pm
2. Each team will supply one new game ball for each game.
3. Each team will pay the umpire \$40 before the game begins. 8u teams will not have umpires, with each team providing a volunteer behind the plate (home team volunteer) and in the field (visiting team volunteer). If a team does not have a volunteer, the game will not be played.
4. No formal scores or standings will be kept or reported. Sports Engine will not be set to record scores or standings for Fall.
5. 10u, 12u and 15u games will have a drop dead 2 hour time limit (unlimited innings). 8u games will have a drop dead 1.5 hour time limit (unlimited innings).
6. There is a 5 run limit per inning for all innings played for all age groups. There are no unlimited innings in Fall. Mercy rule does not apply in the Fall; scores are not kept.
7. Games that are not played for any reason on the regularly scheduled day can be made up at the agreement of both coaches. Should the game be rescheduled, the home team is responsible for the umpire. If no umpire is available and the teams would like to scrimmage, that is also an option. Games do not need to be made up in the Fall.
8. Please keep in mind that the Fall league is for **player development**; rotating players, including pitchers, throughout the game is expected in keeping with the spirit of the league.
9. Coaches should discuss any issues, concerns, or problems with their organizational representative prior to coming to the board of directors with complaints or concerns. When informing the board of a complaint or concern, please do so in writing (email preferred) and include the organizational representative in the correspondence.
10. The USSSA Hit-by-pitch rule will apply for 12u and 15u - the batter needs to make an attempt to move out of the way of the pitch. If the ball is rolling and hits her without an attempt to move, that is not considered a HBP for 12u and 15u.
11. All communication with the umpire during a game should be from the ONLY head coach, not the assistant coach, parents, or other representatives.