

2024

Mississippi Valley Girls Softball League

Little 13u & Big Girls 18u Rules

Players under the age of 19 may play in the league, any girl that starts the season and turns the age of 19 during the season is allowed to finish the season.

A player who becomes 14 on or before January 1, must play on the Big Girls team, a girl who becomes 11 on January 1 or after January 1 may play on the Pee Wee Team for the rest of the season.

GIRLS ADDED TO THE ROSTER AFTER MAY 14, 2024 ARE SUBJECT TO THE 8 DAY WAITING PERIOD.

High School Rules apply unless modified by the following rules:

NO STEEL CLEATS FOR LITTLE GIRLS!! Steel cleats are ALLOWED for BIG GIRLS ONLY!!

NO INFIELD WARM UP

Players that are also coaches must be listed on the roster.

Coaches are responsible for team conduct and good sportsmanship. The league will NOT TOLERATE FOUL LANGUAGE OR ABUSIVE CONDUCT FROM ANY COACH, PLAYER, and UMPIRE OR SPECTATOR. When there is a complaint on this there MUST be a letter or notice in writing sent to the commissioner and league officers. They will then decide what to do and how to handle the situation. Upon the 3rd written complaint on the same team, or said party, they will be required to appear before the commissioner and the league.

Managers or coaches can start with less than 8 players. The team with missing players must take an out for each player. The outs can be put any place in the lineup.

Big & Little Girls are to play seven (7) innings or 1 ½ hour time limit WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. The fifteen (15) run rule DOES apply after three (3) full innings and then ten (10) runs after five (5). In the case of a rain out five (5) full innings are required to count as an official game.

LITTLE GIRLS each inning consists of seven (7) runs scored **OR** three (3) outs whichever comes first. **WITH UNLIMITED RUNS FOR THE LAST INNING OF THE GAME.** The umpire and coaches will determine last inning of the game.

Little girls pitching distance is 40' from the front of the rubber to the back of home plate.

Little girls' games start at 7:30pm and Big girls start at 9:00pm unless stated otherwise.

International Tie Breaker rule applies to games that end in a tie for both BIG & LITTLE Girls.

Base runners are not required to steal home but are encouraged to do so. Free substitution for Little and Big girls, each team must stay in the same batting order as the start of the game. Little and Big Girls 3rd strike rules applies.

Coaches can pull subs from lower teams, does not matter which team as long as they are on a team with MVGSL.

Ground rules for each diamond must be explained before the start of every game by a meeting with both coaches and the umpire.

PITCHERS MUST WEAR A FACEMASK!

Home team furnishes home plate and third base umpire and opposing team is to furnish one umpire 1st (2nd if possible) changes to this must be worked out before the game, by an agreement with opposing team. Home team furnishes all softballs for game play.

No new player shall play unless carried on roster 8 days BEFORE the next regular scheduled game and name and DOB must be given to the league secretary. A player does NOT have to wait the 8 days after being added to the roster if the team is short for regular games. After the team has 9 players, they must wait the 8 days.

Coaches must make all protest to home plate umpire. Both coaches must agree to their decision. All protest to commissioners must be made in **WRITING** and POSTMARKED NO later than **48hours** of the game in question. A team protesting must pay a fee of \$25.00 to the league. If they win the protest, they will be refunded their money, if they lose the protest, the league keeps the money.

Games can be rescheduled with BOTH coaches in agreement. The home team will give two dates for the games to be rescheduled. The opposing team will NOT be forced to play on a weekend unless decided by BOTH coaches. Rainouts will be rescheduled as soon as possible with agreement of both coaches. Make up games CAN be played on Saturday if both teams agree.

Little and Big Tournament: Play a seeded tournament to be set up by the commissioners, with winners and loser bracket. If there should be a time a tie among the teams the standings should be determined as follows:

1. Overall Records
2. Division Records
3. Team Record with two tied teams
4. Point spread between the two teams.

The games will consist of seven (7) innings, the fifteen (15) run rule DOES apply after 3 full innings and then ten (10) runs after five (5) full innings. No rain shortened games during tournament if rain stops before required number of innings, games shall resume at the exact place when tournament resumes. The 1 ½ hour time limit **WILL BE enforced** during tournament play **EXCLUDING** medaling games, ex: 1st and 3rd place games. If you start an inning you must finish the inning (no drop dead)

Towns hosting the tournament must provide medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Games not played before tournament time count as a forfeit for both teams, unless voted on by the teams, commissioner and league president will be used as tie breaker.

No tournament for the 2024 seson.

A player or coach who is bleeding or who has blood on their uniform shall be prohibited from participating in the game until appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care or treatment can be administered in reasonable time the individual would not have to leave the game. The length of time is determined by the umpire.

EACH TEAM MUST HAVE A FIRST AID KIT!