**Eason’s Crossroads Ballpark 7-9 Girls Softball Rules**

1. **Catchers must wear a full set of catcher’s gear.**
2. Each team must have six players to start the game in order not to forfeit.
3. **All Players on the team will be in the lineup to bat.**
4. Each player must play in the field two innings out of the first four innings of the game.
5. **Each batter will be allowed six pitches or three swings. If the ball is fouled on the sixth pitch or third swing the batter may continue until he hits the ball in fair territory or he misses on a swing.**
6. Three offensive Coaches will be allowed on the field, Pitcher, 1st Base Coach and 3rd Base Coach.
7. **Defensive Coaches​ must coach from the dugout. If a Coach backs up the catcher in order to speed the game up he or she cannot actively coach during this time.**
8. The defensive team must play with a Catcher, 1st Baseman, 2nd Baseman, Shortstop, 3rd Baseman and a Pitcher. The Pitcher must wear a heart guard and play to the right or left of the Coach that is pitching.
9. **The outfielders must play in the grass.**
10. Teams will change sides when the offensive team scores five runs or gets three outs.
11. **There will be no all you can get runs rule during the last inning.**
12. Game time limit is one hour thirty minutes.
13. **No new inning will start after one hour twenty minutes from the start of the game.**
14. If a game must be cancelled due to inclement weather the game will be considered complete after four complete innings or after three and one half innings if the home team is winning.
15. **The Umpire will call DEAD BALL at a natural stop of the play.**
16. There is no maximum length a ball has to travel after being hit to be considered a fair ball.
17. **No stealing, players can only advance can only advance on a hit ball.**
18. There is no infield fly rule or dropped third strike rule.
19. **No player shall be forced to sit an entire game due to discipline reasons without the prior approval of the Executive Board.**
20. If an umpire ejects a player during a game, that player will be ejected for the remainder of that game and will also be suspended for the next game.