

Twin Valley Rec 2023 - 10U Girls DIVISION

Unless otherwise stated below, follow OHSAA rules*

Field Set Up:

- ~Bases- 60 ft
- ~Pitching Rubber: 35 feet from the front of the pitching rubber to the point of home plate
- ~6 foot diameter circle must be marked around pitching mound
- ~Foul lines should be clearly marked

General:

- ~Two-hour time limit or six -inning games. If time expires during an inning that inning will be completed. 2.5 hour drop dead stop. Time starts from the first pitch.
- ~Game time is forfeit time. Umpires may use discretion in unique circumstances.
- ~Eleven (11) inch softball will be used.
- ~Ten (10) players may play defense. No more than six (6) players allowed in the infield
- Late players will be inserted at the end of the lineup. Late arrivals cannot be added after the first rotation of the batting order.
- Each player will play 3 innings of defense.
- ~Players that are on the roster of a team within our league (TVR) only and in a lower division may be brought up to fill vacant positions. This must not interfere with the scheduling of the players primary team. The player that was brought up must wear the uniform of his/her roster team (cannot wear uniform of team subbing on), play in the outfield and bat last.
- ~Maximum six (6) runs or three (3) outs per ½ innings. However, 6th inning (or beyond) will be played to 3 outs, no maximum on runs.
- ~Run Rule- sixteen (16) runs after four (4) innings or ten (10) runs after five (5) innings.
- ~If a player permanently leaves the game (due to illness or injury) before the conclusion, cross their name off the batting order. An out will not be recorded when the vacant spot comes up in the batting order, notify the opposing team prior to the first pitch of the following batter.
- ~No infield fly rule.
- ~Two players (ie: catcher and pitcher) may not be attempting to make a play at home at the same time, one player may back up another, both cannot be covering at the plate. Catcher will leave the corner of the plate open for runners. Runner will be safe if the umpire declares runner impeded by players.

Batting

- ~Teams will bat all players on their roster in a predetermined order.
- ~Batter cannot advance on a dropped third strike.
- ~Throwing of the bat: first offense batter & coach will be officially warned Second offense batter will be called out.
- ~Batter must make an attempt to avoid being hit by a pitched ball in the area between the plate and batters box.

Base Running

- ~Stealing is allowed from all bases once the pitched ball has crossed home plate.
- ~Players will be called out if leading off or leaving early.
- ~Runners may not advance when a catcher has a bad return throw to the pitcher.

- The catcher must stop forward momentum of lead runner, at this point all runners must return to their occupied base
- ~Runners may advance (1) base per overthrow.
- ~Runner must stay on the baseline.
- ~Runners should attempt to slide at home if play is being made.

Equipment

- ~Catchers gear: Catchers must wear a protective helmet, catching mask, chest protector, and shin guards. Equipment must be in good shape
- ~Uniforms: players will be furnished a uniform based on each league's general policy. Players must wear this uniform for the games. Uniforms may not be altered as to be different from the rest of the team, unless he/she was brought up from another team.
- ~Fastpitch softball bat.

Pitcher

- ~Pitcher must wear a mask.
- No balks
- ~ Pitcher must pause for a minimum of 1 (one) second before delivering a pitch
- ~ Pitchers may take 1 (one) step back off the rubber with their non pivot foot during pitch delivery
- ~Pitchers are allowed a maximum of four (4) innings per game. . One pitch counts as a full inning. Extra innings are seen as a new inning count for a pitcher.
- ~Once a pitcher has hit three batters within an inning, she must be replaced, pitcher may return to the game, must have innings left from her 4 inning limit.
- ~A pitcher is allowed to re-enter the game as a pitcher if she was repositioned or if removed from the game while pitching. She must still have innings left from her 4 inning limit.
- ~A coach may have one conference, per inning, with a pitcher. The second time a coach has a conference with the pitcher, within an inning, the pitcher must be replaced. This does not prohibit the pitcher from reentering as a pitcher later, if they have not used all four pitching innings.

Conduct and Sportsmanship

Team shall not heckle or make fun of the opposing team. Cheers are allowed but should not be directed at opposing players. NO use of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco product within the confines of the playing field, dugout or bench. The purpose of the league is to provide quality instruction which promotes sportsmanship, teamwork, development, participation and fun. Individually to develop technical skills this will enhance the ability, desire and confidence of each player. It is the coach's responsibility to instill this concept into all participants and their parents. e. If anyone associated with your team loses sight of these objectives, please remind them that this is about children playing a game. Our job, as parents and coaches, is to facilitate a fun learning experience, and to lead by example. Often the way we react to things on and around the field teaches them more than the game itself. f. Fans & coaches will not harass umpires or players. Belligerent fans & coaches will be asked to leave the playing field boundaries, or risk forfeiting the game.