

# GIRLS FARM/LITTLE LEAGUE RULES 2018

1. The league belongs to the players. Everyone **MUST** play 3 innings.
2. The umpires have complete control of the games. Their decisions are **FINAL**.
3. No smoking around the dugouts or diamond area. If you have been drinking, please do not come to the park.
4. The umpires and director have the right to remove a coach or parent at any time.
5. Vulgarity and heckling will not be tolerated. Keep equipment in the dugout. No throwing of bats, helmets, etc. All coaching staff should stay in the dugout. Please encourage parents and fans to support the players and program in a positive manner.
6. There will be 9 players in the field. Teams may play with 8 players. However, if a team has less than 8 players, they will be given 15 minutes to produce an 8<sup>th</sup> player (from their team) before forfeiting. If an injury/illness drops a team below 8 players, that team must take an out in that player's spot.
7. If a player does not bat due to an injury or illness, they will be scratched from the line-up and cannot bat again.
8. Pitchers may only pitch 3 innings per game. The 3 innings pitched **MUST** be consecutive. **1 pitch = 1 inning**. The pitching mound will be set at 43 feet for Little League and 35 feet for Farm League.
9. There is a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. There will be 5 runs allowed per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first. In the 6<sup>th</sup> inning **ONLY**, there will be 10 runs allowed or 3 outs, whichever comes first. The game ends if the lead is 15 after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings regardless of the 5 run per inning rule. The Director has final say on the last inning start time.
10. The infield fly rule will be in effect.
11. Runners may steal a base **AFTER** the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand. Runners must slide when there is a play at the base. If a runner fails to slide when a play is being made at that base, the runner will be called out. No warnings. If in question, the umpires determine whether a play was being made. There will be stealing home. **Runners must slide at home on a steal regardless if a play is being made at the plate or not.**
12. All players on the roster will bat.
13. Windmill pitching is allowed.
14. All basic softball rules apply hereafter.
15. Please remember we are here to teach fundamentals to learn the game. Remember, **ALL** coaches are volunteer and even MLB umpires make mistakes.

If you have any questions regarding this league, please feel free to contact Tad Stout 309-883-1714, Michelle Anderson or Brian Johnson at 309-852-2782.