

2019 Machine Pitch Rules

QC Heat follows 2019 Little League Softball rules. The following rules are in addition to or a modification to Little League Softball rules.

1. All teams will bat a continuous and rotating lineup so no one girl is batting last every inning. I.e. player 1 bats last in the second inning and player 2 bats first in the second inning. Player 2 bats last in the third inning and player 3 bats first in the third inning.
2. Girls will leave the base when they are out.
3. We will be keeping score up to 3 outs in an inning. After the 3 outs, the runs will not be counted, but you will continue to go through the entire batting lineup so that each player has an at bat for the inning.
4. Once 3 outs have been made in an inning, the bases will be cleared. Your Team will then continue to go through the remaining lineup giving each player an at bat.
5. There will be a maximum of 8 runs scored or tracked each inning unless 3 outs have been made. On the last batter if 3 outs have NOT been made and the max score has not been met, the last batter MUST run all the bases and will count as a live play to which the defensive team should attempt to get the batter and any base runners out to achieve the 3 outs for the inning. During this last play of the inning, once either 3 outs or the total 8 runs is achieved any additional runs that score will not be added to the total count of runs for the inning.
6. If teams are uneven the team with the least amount of players may allow batters to hit more than once until the team has had the equal amount of batters as the team with the most players, unless 8 runs or 3 outs have been met to which each girls will only bat once for that inning. This has to be done in the continuous and rotating order. i.e. The player who was first in each inning will be the first "extra" batter and so on until 3 outs or max score has been met.
7. Batters will hit from the pitching machine and will take a maximum of 5 pitches. If the batter does not put a ball in play in 5 pitches the girl will be called out. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch she will get 1 additional pitch for a maximum of 6 pitches.
8. Pitching will be to **YOUR TEAM**
9. There will be NO on deck batters.
10. All girls must wear a helmet when they have a bat in hand. There will be no warm up swings at any time on the sidelines or behind the backstop.
11. There will be no stealing.
12. An overthrown ball will allow a maximum 1 base advancement.
13. As soon as an infielder has control of the ball, all runners must stop running. Play is ended. There should be no base running because of overthrows back to the pitcher.
14. Runners and hitters will advance a maximum of 2 bases when a ball is hit into the outfield.
15. Once a team has had their entire line up hitting for an inning that teams turn at bat will be completed regardless of the number of outs and the teams will switch sides. (Flip/Flop Defense and Offense)

16. There will be no more than 10 players on the field. If a team has 11 or more players you will bench your extra players and must rotate the benched players each inning so the same girls are not benched in a single game.
17. Games are scheduled for and will go to a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes or 3 innings, whichever comes first.
18. The Home team is required and designated with both the set up and pick up of the field. The Visiting team is responsible for the cleanup if the stands and the dugouts after the game. This includes setting the bases and pitching machine according to the standard for Little League. Please be aware of teams before and after your games to allow them access to the field.
19. Each team is to report their official score on their team wall. The official score is the score of the last completed inning. If the game ends in the middle of an inning because of the time limit, the official score reverts back to the previous inning.
20. Bases will be set @ 50ft apart.