

# International League Rules

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls

- 1. Coach Pitch-** Pitching is done by the coaches throughout the season to keep the game moving. \* The second half of the season 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, who have the ability to pitch, can pitch approximately 5 pitches. The coach or coaches must pitch in between 3<sup>rd</sup> grade pitchers. The objective of letting the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders pitch is for them to get experience and not to be frustrated. The 5 pitches must be adhered to in everyone's best interest. (If a girl can pitch 5 good pitches, and the coach wants to keep her in the game as pitcher, then she is allowed to pitch another 5 pitches, then the pitcher must be taken out) (Coaches must discuss the pitching situation before the start of the game). Make sure the girls pitch with both feet starting on the rubber and with a forward motion.
- 2. Field Positions-** All players will play the field, with the following positions: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, SS, pitcher, catcher and outfield. The outfield will consist of all the remaining players. Players should be rotated between the infield and outfield. Coaches should switch players' making sure no one is stuck in the outfield all the time. Some games may only last for 3 innings, we are hoping for 5-7 inning games, because 7 innings is regulation.
- 3. Batting-** Everyone bats every inning. The game is 3 strikes and you're out. In IL the rule is 3 strikes and you bring out the tee. The tee is a good instructional tool. It teaches a level swing and how to keep your eye on the ball. \*Coaches must keep to this rule, because if one girl gets another try, then they all do, and now you've only played 2 innings in 2 hours.
- 4. Hitting and Outs-** A player gets a hit and runs to 1<sup>st</sup> base, or even further. Fielders should make every attempt to get the runner out. If the fielder gets the ball to the base, they hold on to the ball before the runner gets to that base. Or they tag the runner before that runner arrives at the base. Then the runner is out, and must vacate the base. If the fielding team should record three outs in one inning, all base runners on base at that time should leave the field. The batting team will continue to bat until all players have batted for that inning.
- 5. Catcher –** Each team will field a catcher. A Coach should be placed behind the catcher to help speed up the game.