

MADISON GIRLS ROOKIE SOFTBALL 2016 LEAGUE DETAILS

GENERAL

OUR GOAL IS SIMPLE: EVERYONE HAS FUN! Good sportsmanship is expected from coaches, players and fans. Umpires' equipment can be found in the field storage lockers. No coaches on the field, except ROOKIE division, when ball is in play. No jewelry during practice or games (except medical alert tags). Zero tolerance for drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes for players and coaches.

LEAGUE DETAILS

The # of teams in each league is dependent upon the # of players who sign-up before DRAFTS are conducted. Players who sign up AFTER the Drafts are added to each team based on DRAFT order. Leagues may become closed after the DRAFT is conducted dependent upon the # of players on each team. Players are placed into a specific league based on their current grade in school. ROOKIE teams are created by division manager based on family requests when possible.

FIELDS

Softball will be played at the Madison Recreation Center and the Jr School fields. Final game schedules will be released in late March. Field will be available for practice reservation during March. If the Rec department closes fields, STAY OFF.

EQUIPMENT

Each team will receive an equipment bag containing a) bats, b) practice softballs and adequate supplies of new softballs to ensure each team can supply 1 ball for every game, and c) protective helmets. For the ROOKIE program, coaches will catch and pitch so NO catcher's equipment will be provided. All Players are expected to wear only SB supplied uniform during games. All equipment will be returned immediately following your team's final game of the season.

SAFETY:

Catchers are required to wear protective equipment while catching during all games and practices. Batters, base runners and base coaches must wear protective headgear. Only the current batter shall have a bat in their hands. All players not in the games shall remain in the dugout. Spectators are not permitted on the team bench. No on deck swings are permitted.

Only certified coaches that have a current NAYS certification card, completed the thorough background check and have a Teamsnap coaches record are allowed to participate with the players during games and practices.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

At the first sound of thunder or sight of lightening "CLEAR THE FIELD". At present we are using 20 minute wait if the thunder is present and the 30 minute wait if lightening was spotted. If after a delay conditions do not improve, suspend game or if enough innings have been played, declare a Rain-Out.

ACCIDENTS:

In the event of an injury, contact the police and emergency squad immediately using the emergency phone at the MRC. When in doubt, play it safe.

2016 ROOKIE LEAGUE RULES- MADISON GIRLS SOFTBALL FINAL AFTER COACHES MEETING

Local Rules

PLANS

Expect to play 1 game every Saturday AM and 1 game on a week night. During the pre-season, we will organize clinics for all players on all teams helping teams and coaches.

GAME

Games should last about 1 hour. Starting time should be confirmed with both coaches before First Pitch. Reach agreement for the Last inning with both coaches before first pitch thrown at top of inning. With bad weather and darkness, always consider the safety of your players FIRST. 4 innings = a complete game. If weather/darkness prevents you from completing a game after 4 innings, the game is over. Coaches are Umps.

To check on field status, check the web at: <http://gov.rosenet.org/agencies/recreation/pages/home>. This link will be updated during the week between 3 and 3:30pm by the Madison Recreation dept. On weekends, the Madison Division Mgr is responsible to confirm rain outs at least 45 minutes before ALL games to Madison Coaches. If you hear nothing, expect to play ball!

If you can find the time, a one paragraph write up of the game, combined with the game results, will make a big hit in the local paper. If you write it, we will get it published.

BATTERS

Batting helmets on when at bat or on base. There is no "on deck" circle. Players should not pickup their bat until they walk to the batters box. Do not throw bats. Through the end of April [games played in weeks 1-3], an inning ends after ALL batters have batted once. For the rest of the season, An inning ends when a) 3 outs or b) 5 Runs have been scored. 3 [good pitch] strikes = OUT. Cannot strike out on a foul ball. There are no WALKS.

FIELDING

All Players should be taught to make eye contact before throwing ball to partner.

RUNNING

Runners en route to first base must run either on the foul line or in foul territory. No Stealing or Leading. Teach your runners to tag up on a fly ball. Teach your players to pay attention to the base coaches for direction to advance to the next base. On infield hits, runners can advance 1 base. On outfield hits, runners can advance upto 2 bases. BASES ARE SET APPROXIMATELY 45' FROM EACH OTHER.

PITCHING

Coaches will pitch/catch to their own teams. Coaches may stand as close to the batter as they like as long as it is in line with the pitching rubber. It is encouraged that all coaches pitch as close to the pitching rubber as possible. All pitching shall be underhand. NOTE: The players who occupies the defensive (RIGHT and LEFT) position of pitcher should be behind the pitcher; -Care should be taken by all coaches that these defensive pitcher's view of the batter is not obstructed when the ball is pitched.

SCORING

The five run rule will be in effect. The five run rule is as follows: the inning will end upon the offensive team making three outs, or after a play in which the offensive team has scored the fifth run of that inning. All runs scored on the final play of the inning will count. For example, if the play results in the fourth, fifth and sixth runs of the inning being scored, all runs would count and the offensive team would then take the field