

# SCOTTS VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL 2009

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**Important: It is the obligation of the Coaches and Parents to set a good example!**



All leagues are based upon general ASA rules. Because of time constraints and safety issues, Scotts Valley Girls' Softball has added rules specific to each age group. Please read below to learn those rules that apply to each league.

## T-BALL

T-Ball (100% Instructional)

Grade level: K-1st\*

- All girls bat each inning, regardless of the number of outs made
- Wood or aluminum bats are allowed
- On deck swinging is NOT allowed
- Coaches may pitch to the girls
- The coaches are to go to the mound with 3 balls in hand. If the batter does not hit any of the 3 pitches, she must then complete the at bat with a batting tee. A fourth pitch is allowed if the third pitch is fouled off.
- Warn a player once if she throws the bat. If she throws it a second time, she is out.
- Stress safety and fundamentals
- Place girls in traditional positions
- Batter may take 2 bases on extra base hits ONLY!

## PONYTAILS

Grade level: 2nd-3rd\*

- No one player can play more than 2 innings at either pitcher or first base (combined) per game.
- Pitchers may only pitch 2 innings
- On deck swinging is NOT allowed
- Each girl gets five pitches (3 from pitcher, 2 from coach) unless the last pitch is fouled off, in which case she gets another pitch until she hits it fair or strikes out.
- Bunting is not allowed
- On an extra base hit, runners not yet half way to the next base when an infielder has control of the ball, must return to the last base
- Maximum of 5 runs per team per inning
- Positive chanting is allowed
- No chanting once Pitcher is set
- The last inning starts after 75 minutes of play

## JUNIORS

Grade level: 4th-5th\*

- Pitchers can only pitch 2 innings per game
- On deck swinging is NOT allowed
- Sliding is okay
- Stealing is allowed, but only two bases per team, per inning
- If ball four is called, a batter is given one pitch from her coach. If fouled, she gets another
- Bunting is allowed off of pitchers, not coaches
- On overthrows past first base, the runners are allowed to only take one base at their own risk
- There is no infield fly rule
- Maximum of 5 runs per team per inning
- Positive chanting is allowed
- No chanting once Pitcher is set
- No strike 3 dropped ball rule
- The last inning starts after 75 minutes of play

## SENIORS

Grade level: 6th-8th\*

- Pitchers can pitch 3 innings per game maximum
- Starting pitcher may re-enter once
- One pitch thrown in an inning constitutes an inning
- On deck swinging is NOT allowed
- Sliding is okay
- Stealing is permitted
- Runners may leave the base upon the pitcher's release
- Stealing home is allowed
- Batter may run on a dropped third strike if first base is open OR there are two outs
- Infield fly rule is in effect
- Maximum of 5 runs per team per inning
- The last inning starts after 75 minutes of play
- Positive chanting is allowed
- No chanting once pitcher is set
- The last inning starts after 75 minutes of play

\* Players may play up a grade level, but may not play down a grade level

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