**Rules**

**10 and Under**

Our 10 & UNDER league is designed for girls age 9 or 10 with a few 8’s and some 11’s. In this league, except for a few local options the players play by ASA regulations. The coaches stress the basic skills of playing softball: throwing, catching, hitting, and running the bases. Also at this age the girls are taught more about playing a specific position and to play together as a team

**Local Rules**

1. Each player on a team must play at least 1 inning on defense and must get at least 1 at bat per game, no exceptions.
2. No composite bats of any kind may be used. No half & half, no 1 piece, no composite bats period.
3. No metal or steel cleats or spikes allowed.
4. There will be a 5 run limit per half inning.
5. A pitcher may pitch a complete game, but health and safety must be each coach and parents primary concern. If a player pitcher walks 2 in a row, then a coach from the offensive team will pitch to an out, at which time the player pitcher will resume pitching. The coach will deliver a total of 5 pitches to each hitter with no walks allowed. If a player swings at 3 pitches with out contact an out is recorded and player will return to the dug out. While a coach is pitching, there will be no bunting or stealing of any kind and dropped third strike is not in effect. Infield fly will be in effect and look back rule will be a warning on first offense and an out after warning. While a coach is pitching, the player pitcher will play her position with one foot being inside the white circle.
6. For all other rules see ASA rule book. Link is at bottom of MRYSC home page.
7. Games will be 75 minutes with no inning starting after 65 minutes with home team winning.
8. Bats must be displayed in front of dug out prior to start of game for umpire inspection. If an illegal bat is discovered during an at bat the player will be out and coach warned. If a second illegal bat is discovered during a game, head coach will be ejected.
9. Balls and strikes, outs and safe cannot be disputed and are grounds for ejection.
10. Coaches are responsible for parents conduct during a game.
11. All players, during offense while outside the dug out, must have a batting helmet with face mask and chin strap on, no pulling helmet off while on playing field.

**IF NO LEAGUE RULE EXISTS, THEN ASA RULES APPLY**