

East Meadow Girls Softball Farms Division Rules - 2023

Balls: 11" pitching machine balls are used.

Pitching: There is no pitching in this division. Pitching machines are set up approximately 35 feet away from home plate and each batter is given 5 pitches at approximately 35 MPH. If after the 5th pitch the ball is not put in play the batter is out. For safety please keep the girls away from all pitching machines. In order to keep the game at a constant pace, the pitching machine should not be adjusted for each batter, but may be adjusted if the pitches become erratic.

Batting: A Universal Batting Order is used in the Farms Division. Each Player present at the game gets a chance to bat. Because of the length of each half inning as described below, each player may not bat every inning but no player will be permitted to bat twice until every player has batted at least once.

Bases: Bases are 60' apart.

Stealing: NO stealing is permitted.

Running Bases: A base runner is permitted to advance a maximum of two bases on a ball that reaches the outfield grass on a fly. Runners may only advance as far as second base, a runner who started at first base may only advance as far as third base and a base runner who started at second base may reach home plate). All base runners are in jeopardy as they advance from one base to the next, the only exception is in the case of a "Dead Ball". There is no advancing on an overthrow.

Defensive positions: There will be only 6 infielders and 4 outfielders permitted for a maximum of 10 defensive players. If Catcher is not used, the 10th player cannot be added to infield or outfield. 1b, 2b, 3b, SS and Pitcher must be behind or parallel to the pitch machine. All outfielders must have both feet in the outfield grass at the time the ball is feed into the pitch machine.

Dead Ball: If a batted ball hits either the pitching machine or the coach feeding the machine, each runner automatically advances one base. If there is no force then the runner shall not advance. Scoring Scores are kept in this Division; however, there will be no standings or playoffs.

Minimum Number of Players: There are no forfeits. Accordingly, both managers are expected to share players to insure that a game is possible for both teams, either by giving players (for that game only) to the team who is short players, or by rotating players in the field and at bat.

Innings: Each game will consist of a maximum of six innings (time permitting) with each half inning ending after either three outs or 4 runners crossing home plate.

Run Limit: In the first 5 innings, a maximum of 4 runs per inning can be scored in the Farms Division. There is no limit to the number of runs that can score in the last inning.

Defensive Coach: A defensive coach (2 max) can be in the outfield when the coach's team is on the field. The coach can instruct and position players at any time during play but cannot touch any player while play is alive.