

East Hanover Florham Park Girls Softball Association (EHFPGSA)

Rulebook / Division Description: 1st & 2nd Graders

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BATTERS

Batting helmets on when at bat or on base. There is no "on deck" circle. Players should not pick up their bat until they walk to the batter's box. Do not throw bats. Through end-April [games played in weeks 1-2], 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. 5 swings = OUT. Cannot strike out on a foul ball. There are no WALKS and want to get to 3 strikes = OUT. FIELDING All Players should be taught to make eye contact before throwing the ball to their partner. The players who occupy 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. 1 player may stand behind 2nd base and 1 player may be a short fielder and play a few steps behind where a 2nd baseman normally stands.

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 up to 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 if 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.

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 will count. For example, if the play results in the fourth, fifth and sixth runs of the inning being scored, all runs will count, and the offensive team would then take the field.