**Rules**

**Sweetie 6**

Our Sweetie 6U league is designed for girls age 3 ½ - 6 with a few 7’s. The girls hit the ball pitched from a coach with every player on each team getting to bat and play in the field. The coaches stress the basic skills of playing softball: throwing, catching, hitting, and running the bases. At this age the girls are learning more about how to play as a team.

**Local Rules**

1. The time limit for a regulation game will be one (1) hour.
2. No score will be recorded, displayed, or discussed for these games.
3. Infielders must play no closer to the batter than 40 feet, with one (1) player in the pitcher’s circle when the ball is put into play. Only six (6) players, including the pitcher and catcher are allowed in the infield area prior to the ball being hit. All other players must be in the designated outfield (In the grass area of the outfield, not on the dirt area behind the infield bases).
4. When playing defense, players should be rotated to different positions throughout the game to allow all players a chance to play infield.
5. All girls must bat in an inning and all girls play defense in an inning.
6. Each batter will receive five (5) pitches from the coach. If the child has trouble with the pitching of the ball, then they will be allowed to hit off of a tee. Walks and bunts will not be allowed.
7. A hit ball must go eight (8) feet from home plate to be considered a fair ball.
8. On an overthrow to a base, the runners are not allowed to advance to an additional base. Base runners have to be more than halfway between bases in order to advance to the next base.
9. A base runner that is called out does leave the base and return to the dugout.
10. The ball is dead when the pitcher controls the ball in the pitcher’s circle.
11. The pitching coach for the offensive team will notify the defense team coach when the last batter comes to bat. A team’s bat is considered over when the last player is out, touches home plate, or when the defense makes an out on any base runner trying to advance.
12. Both teams are allowed up to three (3) coaches on the field during play. Offense will have a pitching coach, a coach at 1st base and a coach at 3rd base. Defense may position themselves anywhere appropriate to give instructions to their team but cannot interfere with play in anyway. At least one (1) adult is required to be in the dugout with the girls at all times when a team is batting.
13. Base lines will be fifty (50) feet in length.
14. A game called because of rain, darkness, or other reasons may or may not be rescheduled for a later date. The Commissioner will make the decision.