

**QUINCY PARK DISTRICT GIRLS SOFTBALL
LEAGUE RULES
B Division (11 & 12) C Division (9 & 10)**

1. **Uniforms** – The Park District will furnish T-Shirts and Hats. **All teams are required to wear Park District assigned shirts. *Baseball pants are encouraged but not required.*** Shirts need to be tucked in while playing.
2. All players must bat in the batting order, and ‘free substitution’ is allowed on defense. (Players may be substituted for on defense as many times as the coach wants to, in order to allow all players to participate defensively throughout the game.)
3. In B & C divisions, teams will play 3 outs or score 5 runs per inning, whichever comes first. Even if a team is down by more than five runs in their last at bat, they can still only score five runs.
4. Games will not exceed 6 innings. No new inning will occur after the 1 hr and 20-minute limit. If the home team is tied or losing in the last inning, we will finish the inning.
5. If weather does not permit a complete game, 3 innings will be considered an official game. If a game is called before it reaches 3 innings, we will make up the game at a later date and re-start the game.
6. **Unlimited pitching changes for B division**, within reason (if abused may be restricted by umpire’s discretion).
7. **Substitute Runners** are not allowed, unless a player is injured, in which case the player recording the prior out for the team at bat must be the substitute runner.
8. **Only one base will be allowed on an overthrow that goes into foul territory.** Once the pitcher or umpire has the ball, the ball is dead and the baserunners cannot advance.
9. In B division, the batter will not be allowed to advance to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike by the catcher.
10. B division Girls - may steal. Base runners can advance once the pitched ball leaves the pitcher’s hand, (No stealing allowed if a team is ahead by 10 runs)
11. C division Girls – No stealing. Base runners may lead off after the ball leaves the pitching machine.
12. C division Girls-In this division girls will use the pitching machine. Each batter will receive a maximum of 5 quality pitches from the pitching machine, unless they foul off the 5th pitch, in which case they can keep batting until they swing and miss or put the ball in play. Batters can strike out before 5 pitches. If a batter gets 3 strikes before 5 pitches they are out. The umpire operating the machine will let the batter know when they are on their last pitch.
13. Only the umpire controlling the pitching machine can adjust the machine. If a coach believes the machine is not throwing accurately, they can notify the umpire and he/she can decide to adjust if necessary. Umpires may adjust the positioning of the machine, but once the game has started, the

speed will not be adjusted. If coaches have concerns or issues with the speed of the machine, they should notify the supervisor or Recreation Program Manager.

14. C division Girls play 10 defensive players (extra outfielder).
15. In C division, if a ball hits the machine, it is a dead ball and the batter will be awarded first base. If there are any runners already on base, they will get to advance one base.
16. In C division, teams can choose to have a catcher, but we will have a staff member by the backstop collecting balls, so it is not mandatory to have a catcher. If teams decide they do not want a catcher, they can designate one infielder to cover home plate on plays at the plate.
17. Diamond size – B division bases 60 feet, mound 35 feet.
C division bases 60 feet, pitching machine at 35 feet.
18. Ball size - B division will use a 12 inch softball
-C Division will use an 11 inch softball
19. There is not a “must slide” rule. However, runners are required to avoid contact with the defensive player. Any attempt to cause a collision will result in the runner being out and possible ejection from the game.
20. There is no infield fly rule for either the B or C division.
21. **NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD**
22. **NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED.**
23. **Refer to the USA Bat Standards for legal bats.**
24. Any coach or player ejected from a game, for any reason, is automatically suspended from the team’s next game.

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