

# Haverhill Girls Softball League Rules – Little Ladies Division

## A. General

- a. The commissioner/league will help set up stations with the coaches so the girls can go through them for the 45 minutes before each game.
  1. Fielding
  2. Hitting
  3. Base Running
  4. Throwing
  5. Pitching
- b. Little Ladies games will last 45 minutes long, and are limited to four (4) innings.
- c. The Coach will pitch to her/his own players from the pitching plate. The batter will have five (5) pitches to hit the ball into fair territory. After the fifth (5th) pitch, the batting tee will be used.
- d. All players shall bat and the last batter shall run until tagged out at home to end the inning.
- e. A base runner may not leave a base until the ball has been put into play by the batter. (Purpose: This rule will help to encourage infield play. Due to the speed of the hit pitch and its infield location, putting an advancing runner out at a base is difficult. This rule will give the fielders a greater opportunity to participate in that kind of play.)
- f. Two (2) defensive Coaches may occupy the field and are encouraged to provide instruction without interfering with the play until the play has ended as signaled by calling *time-out*.
- g. The distance between the bases will be 30 feet. The sixteen (16) foot pitcher's circle will be centered thirty (30) feet from home plate. The coach can not advance to pitch to a batter they must remain on the plate.