## $3^{\text {rd }}-4^{\text {th }}$ Grade

Emery County Recreation wants to provide a fun and equal atmosphere for each girl that participates. Plus, coaches that can provide knowledge and helpful skills that will help each girl improve and feel important to her team. Thank you to all the coaches willing to coach, the program could not run without you!

## Rules

1. Base Stealing- Players can steal second and third base ONLY-after the ball leaves the pitchers hand. If the ball is in play, they can advance to home. No leading off.
2. Players- Teams can play with all players even if the other team only has 8 or 9 players. However, there can only be 6 players in the infield, all other players need to be on the grass. Tournament- Only 10 players on the field.
3. Pitching- Pitcher will pitch the full count, unless they have thrown 4 balls. At any time a pitcher has thrown 4 balls the coach will step in to finish the count, each pitch that a coach pitches will be considered a strike. $\mathbf{3}$ strikes batter is out, calls determined by umpire. NO WALKING IN THIS LEAGUE.
Examples:
If pitcher has thrown 4 balls, the coach will step in and finish the count. If the pitcher has thrown 1 strike/4balls coach will step in and finish the count. If the pitcher has thrown 2 strikes/4balls coach will step in and finish the count.

- Pitching distance is 35 feet. High School pitching rules will be used. Pitchers can take a step back, but CANNOT step over the plate and the ball must be delivered underhand. They should not be stepping in front of the 35 feet mark to pitch.
- Pitchers are required to wear masks, they will be provided.

4. Time- All games will be four innings or 60 minutes, unless a team is 10 points a head after $3^{\text {rd }}$ inning or 50 min , the game will be over.
5. Mercy Rule- A mercy rule will be used after 6 runs have scored per inning, unless it is the last inning of the game and the team is making a comeback (No mercy rule during tournament games).
6. Dead Ball-If a pitch is thrown and it hits the ground before it hits the batter, it is a dead ball (Batter WILL advance to $1^{\text {st }}$ base).
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Each player should play 35 minutes or half of the game, unless they do not show up to practice, then it is up to the coach.
9. Third strike rule will NOT be used.
10. When the ball is close to any base and the players are trying or able to make a play on the runner, the runner must attempt to avoid the tag by sliding or jumping.
