



DEEP RUN VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION
2025 Lady Lightning Softball
8U Dewdrops Division Rules

1. 10 players on field (4 outfielders must start each play on grass).
2. Continuous batting order
3. Coaches must rotate players on the field every inning, so that no player plays more than one inning per game at the same position on the field.
4. No player should sit out more than one inning at a time. No player should play the outfield more than two innings. Coaches are to avoid having the same girls sit each game.
5. 3 outs/inning or all batters bat 1 time/inning, whichever comes first. ****First 4 games****- if runner is out they are removed from the base but the team still bats through the lineup. 3 outs will be in effect for the remaining games.
6. Games are 5 innings long. No inning can start after 90 minutes.
7. Sliding is allowed and encouraged.
8. No standings will be maintained.
9. Score is not kept.
10. Infield Fly Rule does not apply.
11. No stealing is allowed and runners must not leave their base until the ball is hit.
12. No walks or strikeouts (ball must be put in play).
13. Free substitution.
14. Coach Pitch – Coaches pitch to their own team 6 pitches per batter, then batting tee is brought out. **PLEASE DO NOT VARY FROM THIS RULE.** A foul ball does not constitute a pitch. Coaches are encouraged to pitch as close as possible to the pitching rubber, especially as the season progresses.
15. An optional player pitcher can be used. If you have a player who would like to try pitching and has established they can consistently get the ball over the plate from the pitching rubber with a legal pitching motion. They can pitch up to 3 pitches per batter and then return to coach pitch. Each pitcher should only pitch one inning per game.
16. Defense may have two coaches on the field (one in left center and one in right center field). Coaches shall not touch the ball; they may only provide direction.
17. The last batter does not run all the way around the bases (i.e., she stops at the base they reach before the ball is returned to the coach pitcher).
18. If a solid double or triple is hit, it should be run out. Common sense should rule when teams are short of players. Unattended fields should be deemed as a single base per hit area.
19. No throwing of bats is permitted. 1 warning will be issued; further infractions will result in ejection of the player.
20. All batters/runners must wear an approved helmet at all times with chin strap and face mask.
21. No advancement on an overthrow.
22. Pitchers, first, and third basemen must wear a defensive mask for protection. Recommended that shortstop and second basemen also wear fielding masks.
23. Home team is responsible for field prep before games. Visitors will drag and rake field after game.

24. No warm up swings are permitted.
25. All bats must be ASA/USSSA approved.