



**2021**

**DIXIE SOFTBALL**

**LOCAL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER – (910) 424-4500**

The current issue Dixie Softball Rulebook will prevail other than the exceptions listed in this publication. The Parks and Recreation Department, as needed, may issue Addendums and Clarifications to these rules. No other local league rule exceptions will be allowed.

In case of inclement weather, coaches and parents should call the following number for a decision as to whether or not the game will be played:

**(910) 424-4500**

If no decision has been made before 5:00 pm, teams should report to the field and wait for the umpires or field supervisors' decision.

***THERE WILL BE NO GAMES OR PRACTICES DURING THE WEEK OF EOG'S***

**Game in General :**

1. Time limit:

No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes, except in a tie score.

2. A team may start with eight (8) players, and can finish with no fewer than 8 players.

3. Players are required to play **3 consecutive outs on defense.**

4. **Darlings and Angels divisions:** (per Dixie Softball Rule Book)

**All infielders (including pitchers) shall be required to wear face guards while on defense.**

5. **Ponytails and Belles divisions:** (per Dixie Softball Rule Book)

**All pitchers shall be required to wear face guards while on defense.**

6. Coaches are not obligated to play an individual the minimum time under the following conditions:

- Player late for start of game or a no-show
- The game is legally shortened due to time limit, run rule, weather, etc.
- Player with unexcused absence from practice in the week before the game.
- Player who has been a discipline problem.
- Injured player who could have played the minimum time if uninjured.

A coach who suspends a player according to this rule must notify the opposing manager, field supervisor, and scorekeeper prior to the start of the game. (Exception: player injured or ejected during the game.)

Coaches who use the exceptions to the all play rule to gain an unfair advantage over another team will be removed from the coaching staff for the remainder of the season.

**Pitching Rules:**

1. A pitcher or player-pitcher may not play or pitch more than 6 innings during 1 week (Darlings, Angels, and Ponytails). **Belles pitchers can pitch no more than 8 innings during one week.** ( Monday- Sunday)
2. All other Dixie Softball rules will apply.

**Each coach must initial the official game scorebook and pitching record after the completion of each game.**

**Darlings:**

1. Darlings will play coach pitch rules.
2. The player-pitcher must wear a mask or helmet with attached face mask.
3. All other Dixie Softball rules will apply.

### Angels: Traditional

1. It will be an official game if one team is up by 10 runs after 4 innings.
2. Each time a pitcher issues four (4) balls to a batter, the batter will NOT receive a base on balls. Instead, the offensive team's manager or coach comes in to pitch to the batter. **Note: If a batter has no strikes, she will receive 3 pitches. If a batter has 1 or 2 strikes, she will receive 2 pitches.** Note: if a batter fouls the last pitch she shall continue to bat until she either puts the ball into play or she strikes out. After the batter has either successfully reached base or made an out, the removed pitcher will resume pitching to the next scheduled batter or a new pitcher can be brought in to play the pitcher position.
3. All other Dixie Softball rules will apply.

### Ponytails: Traditional

1. **“5 runs equal 3 outs”** – Each team will be limited to 5 runs per inning. No more than 5 runs will count per inning. After scoring 5 runs in an inning, that team's at-bat is concluded regardless of the number of outs. If a team commits 3 outs before scoring 5 runs, the at-bat is concluded. In other words, “5 runs or 3 outs, whichever comes first.”  
**There is no limit on the number of runs a team can score in innings 4, 5 & 6.**
2. It will be an official game if one team is up by 10 runs after 4 innings.
3. All other Dixie Softball rules will apply.

### Belles:

1. **“5 runs equal 3 outs”** – Each team will be limited to 5 runs per inning. No more than 5 runs will count per inning. After scoring 5 runs in an inning, that team's at-bat is concluded regardless of the number of outs. If a team commits 3 outs before scoring 5 runs, the at-bat is concluded. In other words, “5 runs or 3 outs, whichever comes first.”  
**Note: This will be in effect for innings 1-4. For innings 5, 6, and 7 there is no limit on the number of runs a team can score.**
2. It will be an official game if one team is up by 15 runs after 3 innings and 10 runs after 4 innings.
3. All other Dixie Softball rules will apply.