

## **Minnetonka Girls Softball Association Rules**

### **14U Slowpitch**

- A 3-ball, 2-strike count will be used (that is, all batters will start with a 1-ball, 1-strike count ).
- The second foul ball on the last strike is an out.
- The ball must be pitched underhanded at slow speed. The pitched ball must arc at least 3 feet after leaving the pitcher's hand and before it passes any part of home plate. The pitched ball may not rise higher than 10 feet above the ground. (The speed of the pitch and height of the pitched ball are entirely judgment calls by the umpire.)
- The ball is in play on an overthrow as long as the ball remains in the playing field. Play continues until a fielder is in possession of the ball and all runners have retreated to their bases. Any move back toward a base signifies a retreat.
- A team may score no more than 5 runs in one inning, except the final inning, when there is no run limit.
- After 55 minutes of play, the start of the next inning shall be declared by the umpire to be the final inning. No game shall exceed 75 minutes. If the final inning has not been completed in that time, the team with the most runs before the start of the final inning shall be declared the game winner.
- Each team is responsible for cleaning up their dugout and bleacher areas after the game.