## **Town & Country 10U Softball Tournament Rules & Notes**

- 1. Six inning games. 10-run rule is in effect after 4 innings. 15-run rule after 3 innings. 6 run per inning maximum, except last scheduled inning and beyond when 3 outs must be recorded.
- 2. All extra inning games shall use the Town & Country tie-breaker the player who made the last out of the previous inning shall start on second base to start the team's next at-bat. Both teams shall get three outs per additional innings.
- 3. Normal substitutions rules apply.
- 4. All runners' can steal all bases, **BUT Runners cannot steal or advance until the pitched ball reaches the plate.**\*\*\*\*\*
- 5. No dropped third-strike rule.
- 6. 13 players allowed per roster teams can play 10 in field, & have the option bat either 9, 10 or the entire roster (which would allow for free defensive substitutions).
- 7. Normal at-bats with no maximum or minimum pitch count per batter balls & strikes will be called & the pitcher will pitch until batter has reached base safely by any means including a walk, or is recorded out by any means including a strikeout.
- 8. Pitching rules per pitcher: maximum 6 innings per game, 30 maximum per tournament round.
- 9. Host team shall maintain the supplied pitcher's log to track innings pitched.
- 10. Any protests must be based upon rules interpretation, not judgment calls. The tournament director, or his representative, and umpires will review protest. Their decision will be final.
- 11. The tournament director reserves the right to change the format (or game times) of the tournament due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. The changes, if needed, will be reasonable to times & overall schedule, while not influencing bracket structure.
- 12. Unless noted, tournament shall use USA / ASA guidelines, but non-critical items such as the use of a chin strap for all batter's & the use of a regular mitt by the catcher shall have some leeway allowed for team's that are not equipped & could not do so on short notice.

## Host sites will have concessions and would appreciate your support.