

## C League Rules Summary

- Girls playing in C League are 9 and 10-year olds as of August 1, 2017. Any exceptions have been approved by the TAGS Board.
- Each game is 5 innings long.
- Each player present is in the batting lineup.
- A maximum of 5 runs can be scored per half inning.
- Pitchers pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game, with 1 pitch thrown constituting an inning. In an extra inning game, 1 inning may be added to the maximum number of innings.
- Helmets with facemasks are required.
- The pitching distance in C league is 34 feet.
- An 11 inch “softie” is used in C and D leagues.
- If a player receives a walk, the ball will then be placed on a tee. The player is allowed 3 swings to put the ball in play off of the tee. Any contact with the ball that ends in fair territory will be played.
- When hitting off the tee, please have the batter stand in her normal stance. The player may move up in the batter’s box (toward the pitcher) or back in the batter’s box (toward the backstop), but should use their normal stance.
- A batter who is hit by a pitch is awarded first base (unless the umpire determines she did not attempt to avoid the pitch). This is true for pitches in the dirt as well.
- The defensive alignment consists of a regulation infield and four outfielders.
- No player is to sit out 2 consecutive innings defensively.
- Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings on the infield during a regulation game (and 1 inning in shortened games).
- To speed up the game, a courtesy runner may be used for the next innings catcher. This runner is to be the last out of the previous inning.
- No bunting is allowed.
- No stealing is allowed.
- Players may take a lead of a maximum of 2 steps after the pitcher releases the ball.
- No extra bases may be taken once the ball is on the infield – it does not have to be in possession of a fielder. Coaches should consider the spirit of the rule (and the league) when making decisions about sending runners to the next base.
- In C league, if after three innings a team is 11 runs ahead, after 4 innings a team is 6 runs ahead, the game is called and the winning team is awarded a victory.
- The infield-fly-rule is not enforced in C League.
- **No pitching or hitting practice on the infield** is allowed prior to the start of a game.
- No parents, coaches or players are allowed to stand or sit behind the backstop during play.
- No new inning will start after 8:15 pm. Games that are tied at that time will end in a tie.
- Games entering extra innings will be played using international rules; the last out of the previous inning starts on second base.