

# Florence County Playing Rules

(Minors, Majors/Ozone, Dixie Boys, Angels, Ponytails, and Belles)

For the leagues that travel to play each other.

## Baseball

### **Minors (9-10yrs.)**

- All games will be played with an hour and forty-five minute time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- A continuous batting order will be used in all games. You must list all available players in batting order and follow that order the remainder of the game.
- Every available player must play at least two (2) innings per game on defense. Free substitution on defense.**
- A courtesy runner will be allowed with 2 outs or less for the pitcher and catcher only. Runner will be the player who made the last out.
- An inning will end when 5 runs are scored or 3 outs occur which ever comes first.
- Face guards and chin straps are mandatory on all helmets.

### **Majors/Ozone (11-12yrs.)**

- All games will be played with an hour and forty-five minute time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- A continuous batting order will be used in all games. You must list all available players in batting order and follow that order the remainder of the game.
- Every available player must play at least two (2) innings per game on defense. Free substitution on defense.**
- A courtesy runner will be allowed with 2 outs or less for the pitcher and catcher only. Runner will be the player who made the last out.
- An inning will end when 7 runs are scored or 3 outs occur which ever comes first.
- Face guards and chin straps are mandatory on all helmets.

### **Dixie Boys (13-14yrs.)**

- All games will be played with a two-hour time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- All games will be played by Dixie Boys guidelines (straight baseball).
- Face guards and chin straps on helmets are mandatory.

## Softball

### **Dixie Angels (9-10yrs)**

- All games will be played with an hour and forty-five minute time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- All games will be played per Dixie Softball rules; 10 in field on defense.
- You must list all available players in batting order and follow that order the remainder of the game.
- All players must play at least two (2) consecutive innings on defense.
- An inning will be over after three (3) outs, 5 runs or after 10<sup>th</sup> batter has batted. If batter is walked, hit by pitch or catcher interference batter and baserunners will advance 2 bases whether forced or not (page 77). \*Please read "end of play" also (page 77)

- A courtesy runner will be allowed with 2 outs or less for the pitcher and catcher only. The runner will be the player who made the last out.
- Angels will play with Pennant 11 inch level 10 softball; optic yellow with synthetic cover with Dixie Softball stamp and signed by commissioner.
- Faceguards and chin straps are mandatory on all helmets.

### **Dixie Ponytails(11-12yrs.)**

- All games will be played with an hour and forty-five minute time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- All games will be played according to the 2012 Dixie Softball Rule Guide.
- An inning will be over after three (3) outs or seven (7) runs are scored.
- Batting order will be continuous throughout the game.
- All players must play two (2) consecutive innings on defense.
- A courtesy runner will be allowed with 2 outs or less for the pitcher and catcher only. The runner will be the player who made the last out.
- All softballs must be yellow, 12 inches in size, and must be stamped by Dixie Softball and signed by the commissioner. Pennant Safe Core Center, Synthetic Level 10
- Face guards and chin straps are mandatory on all helmets

### **Dixie Belles (13-15yrs.)**

- All games will be played with a two-hour time limit.
- No inning will start with ten (10) minutes or less left in the ball game.
- All games will be played by Dixie Softball guidelines.
- Batting order will be continuous throughout the game.
- A courtesy runner will be allowed with 2 outs or less for the pitcher and catcher only. The runner will be the player who made the last out.
- All softballs must be yellow, 12 inches in size, and must be stamped by Dixie Softball and signed by the commissioner. . Pennant Safe Core Center, Synthetic Level 10
- Face guards and chin straps on helmets

**\*\*All game times will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless it is a scheduled doubleheader, then the 1<sup>st</sup> game will begin at 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*All games will be considered complete when mercy rule is applied. (Please look at Dixie Youth, Boys & Softball rulebooks to see what requirements are for mercy ruling)\*\***

**\*\*All games cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up on the first available date/day weather permitting, if not during the week, then the first available Saturday will be used. (Leagues involved in rainout must be the ones to do this)\*\***

**\*\*You will not be able to cancel more than two (2) games\*\***