- 1. WIAA rules will be followed except for league rule changes or additions.
- 2. Rosters are due by June 1st. No additions or changes can be made, unless a player moves into your community mid-season. Only players on your roster are eligible for tournament play. Exception:

 Players are automatically eligible to play on a higher level team ("play up"). Said players can only be pulled up to play on a higher level for one team.
- 3. Player/s on a higher level team are not eligible to play down on a lower level team strictly for the tournament. DISCREPANCIES MUST BE CALLED OUT/CAUGHT DURING GAME PLAY ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS. Player/s will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament and the team is given a loss (automatic forfeit).
 - Ex: A girl playing on the A team all year, but also on the B team roster. She does not play any season games with the B team WILL NOT be eligible to play for the B league tournament.
- **4.** Rosters not turned in by June 1st will result in a \$100 late fee per team. "A" league teams will drop a seed in the tournament, if the team is last seed, they will forfeit their first game.
- 5. Clubs with multiple teams at the same level are to divide the teams equally by skill level.
- **6. No metal spikes are allowed on the B, C and D level.** If a player cannot change into shoes or molded spikes, they are unable to play the game. **Metal spikes are allowed on the A level.**
- 7. Helmets A, B and C level must have a face mask but chin straps are optional. D level a face mask and chin straps are optional. Exception: If a club requires their teams to have a face mask and chin strap, the player should follow their club's guidelines.
- 8. Bats must be softball bats. No baseball bats are allowed.
- 9. Batters can use whatever on deck circle.
- 10. Sliding is permitted at all levels.
- **10.** A base runner <u>MUST</u> slide if a play is being made at the base. If a runner does not slide, it is the umpire's discretion on whether a warning or an out will be called.
- 11. Home teams must supply both a home plate and base umpire. Umpires must be a minimum of 1 year older than the game they are calling. A and B home plate umpires must also be certified.

 Ground rules will be discussed with the umpires and coaches before the start of the game. Coaches will discuss a call during the game with the umpire.
- 12. A team not present and ready to play 15 minutes after scheduled game time shall forfeit.
- **13.** Rain games will be called off 1 ½ hours prior to game time.
- **14.** Tournament brackets will be made by the Vice President and then sent to the hosting club. The club will then set times and dates. Hosting clubs can alter time limits for tournament games if needed.

D Team Rules

- 1. A girl is eligible to play on the "D" team if she is in 2nd grade or less on May 1st of the season of play.
- 2. The coach will pitch to his/her own players. The coach will not field the ball. If the coach pitching gets hit by a ball, it is a live ball. A player from the opposing team will play near the pitcher's mound to field the ball.
- 3. No walks. Five swinging strikes for a strikeout or a maximum 10 pitches for an out, unless the 10th pitch is a foul ball. A foul tip on the 5th strike or 10th pitch will be considered an out. Foul tip is a batted ball that tips off the bat and travels directly into the catcher's hand or glove.
- **4.** Games will be 5 innings or 1 hour 15 minute time limit. No new inning shall start after 1 hour 15 minute time limit.
- **5.** A maximum of 10 batters per inning. Every batter will be in the batting lineup regardless of whether or not they are playing the field.
- **6.** Runners may not leave a base until the ball crosses the plate.
- 7. If a ball is overthrown, whether fair or foul territory, the runner or runners cannot advance.
- 8. On a fielded infield ball, the runner can advance once the ball is thrown. Ex. a runner at 2nd or 3rd base waits to advance until the defensive players throws the ball (avoiding a possible tag situation).
- **9.** A maximum of 13 players may be on the field at one time. Each girl must play a minimum of 1 full inning. Every girl bats before the roster is repeated.
- **10.** Outfielders must play at least 15 feet behind the baseline.
- 11. An 11" ball will be used.
- 12. It is optional to keep score. Coaches may turn off the scoreboard if the game is out of hand.
- **13.** Runners cannot advance after the batted ball is thrown inside the baseline after the player has control of the ball, unless the runner or runners are already in the process of advancing. However they are doing so at their own risk.
- 14. Tournament will be a consolation tournament.