

## Rules for Fall Ball Friendlies

We are going to follow FHSAA rules for the most part, except for the following tournament rules:

1. Teams do not have to have matching uniforms. We highly recommend that everyone have a shirt with a number on the back, but you can always use tape or marker to put a number on if you have to. If some of the girls have different color shirts or shorts or pants, it is OK! Let's just play and have some fun.
2. You can bring more than 20 players if you want. Your roster is not limited to 20.
3. You are allowed unlimited defensive substitution. You can change your players on defense as often as you want without having to report them to the umpire.
4. You can bat 9 or 10 players. However, when you change the batting lineup, you need to tell the umpire, unless both teams agree that the substitutions are no big deal and waive this rule. This must be agreed on.
5. You can use a designated runner for the pitcher or catcher. This runner is anyone not currently in the batting order. If all girls are in the batting order, then the last player who batted can be the DR.
6. You need to submit a lineup card at the beginning of the game just so everyone knows who is going to be playing.
7. The team listed first on the schedule will have the 1st base dugout. You will not have to change dugouts if you have back-to-back games. Home team will be determined by coin toss at the beginning of the game, unless teams agree otherwise.
9. Games are 7 innings but will not exceed 1 hour and 45 minutes. If time expires, the batter finishes her at bat and then the game ends. Games can end in a tie.
10. Players can wear either metal cleats or rubber cleats.
11. If you have a problem and need an extra player or 2 to play, DO NOT CANCEL. You have some options. You should let us know what days and what games, and we can loan you some Douglas players. Or you can borrow a player or 2 from the team you are scheduled to play against if they have extra players. Just let us know as soon as possible in advance of the day of play so extra players can be arranged.
12. All teams must have proof of insurance and they also must turn in, prior to their first game, a signed waiver form with parent signatures for all players.
13. Please clean up your dugout when you leave so it is ready for the next team. Please do not leave any trash.
14. Cancellation Policy - Once you have submitted your entry fee, there will be no refund for cancelled dates unless we are able to find a team to take your spot. If we do find a replacement, you will only be charged a \$25 cancellation fee.
15. All teams must sign up for the Closing Alerts text messaging service. This will be used to communicate with the teams in case of cancellations or delays. It actually is best if all coaches, players and their parents sign up for this FREE service. To sign up: Go to [www.closingalerts.com](http://www.closingalerts.com). Click on Florida, then Broward, then select Fastpitch Headquarters, then click on "sign up" on the right side of the page under MyMessages. You can register your cell phone number and your email address. You will receive a test message so you know the registration worked.