

## THE BASICS

- NO sunflower seeds, chewing gum, tobacco or alcohol products.
- NO bikes, hoover boards, scooters, roller blades, skateboards, etc.
- NO metal spiked shoes of any kind allowed on the turf.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

- For the 14U division, a child must not turn thirteen (13) prior to January 1, of the current calendar year.
- In the event a player's age is disputed, the player's parent or legal guardian will be required to present a birth certificate to the Kids, Incorporated office before the next date of play. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any games in which the player was listed on the roster.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- For insurance reasons, the dugouts are restricted to current team players and coaches with completed, up to date background checks. Absolutely no others will be allowed in the dugouts.
- Kids, Inc. does not place any players on 14U teams. Schools/coaches bring their own rosters.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- A batting helmet with a facemask is required for all batters.
- 14U fast pitch will use the 12" ball.

## THE FIELD

- The pitching rubber will be set at 43' from home plate.

## THE GAME

- All rules for OK Kids softball will be used with the following exceptions:
  - All league games will consist of 5 innings, time limit (65 min), or the run rule. A timer will be used to keep the time and will be started by the umpire in charge of the game.
    - No new inning after 60 minutes.
    - Each game will last until all innings are played, or the designated time has expired or the run rule has been met.
    - Run Rule
      - 13 after 3
      - 7 after 4
  - Each half inning will be played until there are three (3) outs or the team batting has scored six (6) runs.
  - In the event of an injured player, the timer will be stopped and will be started again when play resumes.
  - Only one (1) defensive coach will be allowed on the field at a time and must stay within five (5) feet of the dugout.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- The Code of Conduct applies to parents, coaches/volunteers, spectators, parents, contracted employees, officials, and professional staff.
- Profane, obscene, abusive, degrading/threatening language, gestures and/or taunting in the presence of anyone attending a Kids, Incorporated event is prohibited.
- Do not handle a child/participant in an aggressive or abusive manner.
- Any act of violence is prohibited.
- Accept the decision of the game officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not knowingly permit an ineligible player to play in any game.
- Please use good sportsmanship.
- The use of drugs, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco in any form is not permitted while attending any Kids, Incorporated event.
- No firearms or weapons will be permitted at any Kids, Incorporated event.

**AT ANY TIME, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF KIDS, INCORPORATED, VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM OUR PROGRAM.**

## **CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**

Our commercial insurance carrier requires us to have a concussion protocol in place should an injury ever occur where a concussion is suspected or even a remote possibility. Here is our policy:

In the event that an injury occurs during a Kids, Incorporated sponsored activity, and where a possible head injury is involved, the Kids, Incorporated office should be notified immediately. Generally, our paid officials will contact our office should an event of this nature occur.

Kids, Incorporated will require a "Permission To Return" document from a licensed, medically-trained professional, before allowing the player to participate in future scheduled activities.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact our office at 580-374-4332.