

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
CITY OF ESTHERVILLE
2024 GIRL'S K-2 LEAGUE SOFTBALL RULES
(Currently in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades as of Spring 2024)**

Rules/Procedures

- Use 11" incredible for games and always for kindergarteners in practice.
- 5 runs/inning or 3 outs (no runs can be scored after the 5th run)
- Play 50 minutes – if it's tied, it's a tie during regular season
- Coaches pitch – players get 3 pitches. If not successful, hit off the tee
- No strikeouts, walks, leadoffs or steals.
- No scoreboard during regular games – focus on skills, fundamentals and understanding of the game vs score
- Find catcher from stands for each game
- Coaches make the calls on the field of safe or out
- All players are positioned in the field each inning.

Other Items:

Girls will be moved around to different positions, but for safety reasons some girls may not play certain spots. As they age and progress with their skills, they will be able to move to those positions. Also, remember these are little girls; many of them are having their first experience with a competitive sport. Please keep positive, be encouraging and supportive. If they do not enjoy the experience, they will not want to continue. At this level, the main focus is to learn and to have fun – not who wins/loses or if the right call was made on the field. Cheer them on. Practice with them at home- this is how they will get better!!! Coaches will do their best to make fair calls, help the girls, etc; again we want this to be a fun experience!!!