

CHRISTINA GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

1. All games (other than tee ball) are 75 MINUTES - FINISH THE INNING WHEN TIME EXPIRES - No new inning may start if less than 5 minutes remain in the game when the previous full inning ends
2. Home team must line field before the game & check pitching distance.
3. Pitching distances 35' Tee Ball, CP, MM
 40' Minors
 43' Majors
4. Inning ends when 3 outs are made or the 5th run scores.
5. SPRING BALL ONLY – Both teams MUST keep a neat scorebook/ Every player in the batting order MUST be listed by LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (no nicknames) and her jersey number. Books are used for All-Star verification.
6. Home team must keep track of runs scored and tell umpire when the 5th run scores (ends the inning - not in tee ball). In the event of a conflict with the score, the home team book controls.
7. Maximum 10 players on defense with maximum 6 infielders at normal positions. If this results in defensive subs, then a sub cannot sit for more than one-half inning on defense in any one game. Both coaches can agree to play more than 10 players at the start of the game.
7. Entire team bats. No penalty if player in lineup becomes sick or injured and cannot bat. If player is in lineup, and does not show up, her spot is skipped with no penalty. If the player shows up late, she must bat in her designated spot and there is no penalty if her spot comes up before she arrives.
8. 10U & above - ONLY one defensive coach is permitted on the field near the dugout fence to instruct the pitcher and other players. All other coaches MUST be in the dugout.
9. If a team needs pickup players to play a game, then the team can use any Christina registered player who is from the same division or BELOW. If a player is age eligible but plays up, then that player cannot play down to be a pickup player. In SPRING BALL ONLY, the pickup player must bat last in the order and must play outfield. A team may pick up only enough players to reach a lineup of 9. If a team has 9 players, then it cannot pickup any players.
10. Ball sizes: 11" CP & MM
 12" Min & Maj
11. No metal cleats.
12. All batting helmets must have a face guard.
13. All players warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher or batting helmet.
14. Games may end in a tie.

15. If a game is suspended before two complete innings it is not official, and the game will resume from the point of suspension. Check home team book for accuracy before leaving the park.
16. If a game is suspended after two complete innings, it is official and considered finished. The final score reverts to the score at the last completed full inning.
17. There are free defensive substitutions for all players.
18. In SPRING BALL ONLY, a team must have 7 players to play an official game.
19. If a player or coach is ejected, the ejected person is suspended for the next game. The ejected person must leave Christina Softball complex immediately. Umpires should report ejections to the board member on duty. If a player or coach is ejected twice in a season, they will be suspended for five consecutive games, and the Executive Board will meet to consider additional punishments, including longer suspension. Barring extraordinary circumstances, a coach who is ejected twice in a season will be prohibited from coaching in the next scheduled Christina season.
20. No limit on bases taken on overthrows in MM, Min and Maj. One base in tee ball and coach pitch.
21. There is no smoking or use of tobacco products inside the complex. This policy refers to chewing tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and vaping devices of any kind.
22. Umpires have the authority to eject any player, coach or spectator who is displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or who is being abusive or unduly disruptive. The umpire may warn the offending party prior to ejection and may request the assistance of a coach or coaches to control the offending party. If ejected, the person must leave the complex.
23. Umpires have been told to eject anyone who uses profane or obscene language.
24. If a coach believes an umpire is wrong about a Christina rule, the coach should request a conference with the umpire and the opposing head coach to discuss. If the dispute still exists after the conference, then the coach should locate the board member on duty to clarify the rule issue. The umpire must stop the game clock while the board member is located.
25. In SPRING BALL ONLY, the winning team must email final score to christinagirlssoftball@gmail.com within 24 hours for record keeping purposes.