

### **Girls 12 & Under and Girls 14 & Under Softball Rules**

1. A player must not turn 13 for 12U or 15 for 14U on or before JAN 1 of the current year.
2. Bases are to be sixty (60) feet, pitching rubber at forty (40) feet for 12U and forty-three (43) feet for 14U.
3. A complete game is five (5) innings, all innings will be limited to ten (10) runs with no open inning.  
Run rule is 11 after 4, 21 after 3 etc.
4. In 12U team shall consist of ten (10) players, with four (4) outfielders positioned in the outfield until the ball is in play. Must have a minimum of seven (7) to start the game with, less than 7 will result in a forfeit. In 14U team will consist of 9 players with 3 outfielders.
5. The home team will keep score and game will be 12" ball.
6. Catchers must wear full protective gear. Batters are required to wear face guards.
7. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out. No courtesy runner allowed in last inning or extra innings.
8. All players present for the game must be placed in batting order therefore creating free defensive substitution between innings. Should a player miss her turn at bat for illness or injury, she may return to her spot in the lineup without taking an out. A late player shall be placed at the bottom of the lineup and if that player has not arrived by their first at bat the team will either remove the player from the lineup or take an out each time that players at bat rolls around.
9. Slide rule has been eliminated, runners must avoid contact on an attempted play at a base
10. Coaches may not touch the runner while the ball is live, if this occurs runner shall be called out.
11. Infield fly rule will be enforced.
12. Dropped third strike rule is in play. Make sure all coaches, players, and umpires are aware of this rule.
- 13 One warning for batter throwing the bat, each occurrence after this shall result in batter being called out.
14. If play is stopped due to inclement weather, 3 ½ completed innings will be considered a complete game if the home team is ahead. If 3 ½ innings have not been completed, then game must restart from the beginning once it is rescheduled. Exception: Playoffs, all 6 innings must be played unless run rule comes into play.
15. When the pitcher has possession of the ball with both feet inside the circle, all runners must advance to next base or go back to previous base immediately.
16. Stealing is allowed, runners may leave the base after the ball leaves the pitchers hand.
17. If any coach intentionally interferes with a live ball the batter shall be called out. Any coach being hit accidentally shall be ruled dead ball, and all runners advance one base. Same thing applies when the ball hits the pitching machine.
18. Each team must wear matching uniforms, shirts, pants, and hats.
19. IHSAA regulations apply to all rules/situations not covered above.