

8 & Under Girls Softball Rules

1. A player must not turn nine (9) year of age on or before JAN 1 of the current year.
2. Bases are to be sixty (60) feet, coaches will pitch from the circle (Kyle Dotson)
3. A complete game is five (5) innings, all innings will be limited to six (6) runs with no open inning. Run rule is 7 after 4, 13 after 3 etc.
4. 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.
5. The home team will keep score.
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. A player must have at least one foot in the circle and not be in front of the machine until the ball is put into play.
11. Coaches may not touch the runner while the ball is live, if this occurs runner shall be called out.
12. No Stealing. Leaving base early will result in runner being called out. No warnings needed.
13. No infield fly rule
14. No dropped third strike
15. One warning for batter throwing the bat, each occurrence after this shall result in batter being called out.
16. 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.
17. At the end of play, the ball must be returned to the defensive team's pitcher to be handed to the coach.
18. Each batter will get 4 pitches to hit ball into play or strike out. Any foul ball on the 4th pitch or after will result in more pitches until ball is in play or batter strikes out.
19. No intentional walks, no bunting allowed
20. 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.
21. The pitchers circle will be drawn at a center distance of 40' from plate
22. Each team must wear matching uniforms, shirts, pants, and hats.
23. IHSAA regulations apply to all rules/situations not covered above.