

SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL

STANDARD LEAGUE RULES

Age	12, 13, 14
Gender	Girls
Innings	6, 4 for official game (3.5 if home team is ahead)
Time Limit	No new inning after 1 hr 45 minutes. 2 hours on weekdays. Time is measured when the last out/run was made.
Base Distance	60 feet
Pitch Distance	40 feet, with 16 foot circle.
Softball Size	12 inches
Pitcher Limits	3 inning limit per game, 2 must be consecutive
Players	9 in field, 7 minimum to start and no minimum to finish
Playing Time	Must play 2 of first 4 innings in the field
Roster Batting	YES, unlimited defensive substitutions.
Batters Per Inning	Limit of 5 runs per inning, no limit in the last. Last inning must be announced and must start prior to the time limit.
Run Rule	NO, but if visiting team is 5 or more runs ahead going into the announced last inning, home team bats first.
Walk/Hit by Pitch	YES
Bunting	YES
Stealing	YES
Lead Offs	Runners may leave when ball leaves pitchers hand
Illegal Pitch	Dead ball warning on first occurrence. Batter awarded ball on all subsequent occurrences and runners advance.
Overthrow Rule	Ground rule dead balls only
Metal Spikes	NO
Legal Bat Size	Official softball bat
Infield Fly	YES
Dropped 3 rd Strike	YES

LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

1	Before delivery to home, pitcher must start with both feet in contact with the pitching rubber. Dead ball warning on first occurrence. Batter awarded ball on all subsequent occurrences and runners advance.
2	Intentional walks may be issued by pitcher declaring this desire to the umpire.
3	All outfielders must be at least 20 feet beyond the base paths when the ball is hit.
4	Infielders must be within 10 feet of their normal position when the ball is hit.
5	Catcher courtesy runner: If the catcher is on base with two outs, the last batter to make an out may pinch run for her.
6	Runners leaving early will receive one warning. Subsequent occurrences will result in a dead ball, runner out. All other runners must return to their original base.
7	Base runners MUST slide if a play is being made on her, except at first. If the umpire judges that the runner should have slid and did not, she shall be called out. If not sliding causes other runners to advance, the umpire shall send those back to the appropriate base.
8	Facemasks are required in the field for pitchers, first base, and third base.
9	Both coaches and the umpire(s) need to agree and announce that the upcoming inning will be the last inning and it will be unlimited. In the event an inning that was not announced as the last inning goes past the time limit, the game will end without the unlimited inning.