

Northern Utah Softball

JR High 7th-9th Grade - GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

This league will follow USA Softball rules except as noted below.

1. Coaches will be responsible to know and understand USA Softball rules.
2. A playing schedule must be kept. There will be no grace period for the start of the game. If a team has less than eight players at game time, the game is a forfeit. A team may play with eight players but will be assessed an out every time the ninth is supposed to bat.
3. All line-ups (with names and numbers) need to be to the scorekeeper in the booth ten minutes before game time. There are no exceptions to this rule.
4. All games are 5 innings or No new inning will start after 70 minutes, whichever occurs first. Game times are scheduled 75 minutes apart.
5. **Runs per inning Rule:** *7 run rule per inning.* After the 7th run is scored, the teams will switch offense/defense. This is a hard 7 count per inning! No "Open Inning."
6. Every player will be in the batting order. If a player is late, you must add them to the bottom of the batting roster. * Coaches must let the umpire, scorekeeper, and opposing team know. Players must play at least every other inning.
7. Nine players will play on defense.
8. There will be free substitution defensively. Batting orders will remain the same, unless adding a new player to the bottom of the lineup.
9. USA Softball pitching rules will govern. If a coach has an issue with how the pitcher is pitching, they must address the umpire and the opposing coach only. The umpire's judgment will prevail as to compliance. The opposing coach will not say anything directly to the pitcher.
10. Pitching mound will be 40 feet. 12 inch softball will be used.
11. There is NO mandatory sliding rule at home plate. Defensive player must be able to attempt to get offensive player out in order for it to be considered a play.
12. All girls must be in uniform. No jewelry may be worn. Jerseys must be tucked in.
13. 3 full innings or 35 minutes will constitute a full game in case of inclement weather. If inclement weather prevents the play of the game, the game will be rescheduled.
14. Home team will occupy the third base dugout.
15. Any throwing of equipment is an automatic ejection.
16. There are no protests. If there is a question about a rule (not a judgment call), the game will be stopped until the situation is resolved.
1. **PICK UP RULE:** When a team cannot field 9 players, a player may be picked up under the following rules. Failure to follow these rules will result in a forfeiture of the game: The pickup player must come for your registered recreation season and be approved by your league director/coordinator. . This approval must be done before the game. Coordinator will let host city know of this pick up player.

The Northern Utah Recreation Departments who have combined to make this tournament happen are excited about the opportunity to provide All-Star Recreation Softball.

Sportsmanship of the highest degree is expected and demanded. Criticism of players, coaches and umpires will not be tolerated. Those engaging in negative behavior toward these individuals will be asked to leave the game site.

Best of luck to all players and coaches!