

2026 Layton City
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 8 players at game time, the game is a forfeit. A team may play with 8 players but will be assessed an out every time the 9th player is supposed to bat. There will not be a punishment for not having the 10th player. If you have 10 players, 10 must play in the field and 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 6 innings or no new inning will start after **65** minutes. The home team, if behind will be allowed to bat regardless of time limit. (EXCEPTION: they are behind greater than 7 runs). Games can end in a tie. No extra innings will be played.
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. **MERCY RULE:** There will be an 8 run mercy rule at 60 minutes.
7. 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 scorekeeper know. Players must play at least every other inning.
8. Ten players will play on defense with the tenth player being an outfielder. Outfielders will play at least 15 feet behind the baseline.
9. There will be free substitution defensively. Batting orders will remain the same, unless adding a new player to the bottom of the lineup.
10. 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.
11. Pitching mound will be 40 feet. 12 inch softball will be used.
12. There is NO mandatory sliding rule at home plate. Players must avoid contact. If contact is made there could be an ejection.
13. All girls must be in uniform. No jewelry may be worn. Jerseys must be tucked in.
14. 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.
15. Home team will occupy the third base dugout.
16. Any throwing of equipment is an automatic ejection.
17. There are no protests.

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.

Sportsmanship:

1. Coaches are to be of good character and lead their team by example (See Layton City Coaches Code of Conduct). Coaches have the responsibility of teaching the correct skills and rules of softball, sportsmanship, and fair play. The coach is responsible for his/her players, asst. coaches, and team supporters. Proper conduct is expected of language, dress, and attitude.
2. **Coaches, players, or spectators ejected from a game will be suspended for 1 game at minimum.** Layton City Recreation may extend the suspension to include additional games OR the remainder of season based on severity. Any decision may be appealed to a Layton City appeal's board, if desired.
3. Language – The use of profane, derogatory, or abusive language towards city staff, umpires, players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated.
4. Fighting – Any player, coach, or spectator in a fight with other players, spectators, game officials, or any Layton Recreation staff may be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season. Fighting includes but is not limited to: punching, kicking, slapping, hitting, hand gestures, etc. (contact is not required). Individuals involved in any physical altercation may also be prosecuted.

Best of luck to all players and coaches!