

## 2019 Girls Cross-Town Softball League Rule Reference Chart

(Des Plaines / ESAA / Morton Grove / Niles / Norwood Park / Oriole Park / Lincolnwood / Park Ridge / Skokie Indians)

	<b>K - 2 GRADE 6-8 yrs.</b>	<b>3 - 4 GRADE 9-10 yrs.</b>	<b>5 - 6 GRADE 11-12 yrs.</b>	<b>7 - 8 GRADE 13-14 yrs.</b>
<b>General Rules</b>				
<b>Min. # of Players</b>	6 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against
<b>Ball</b>	11" Incrediball	11" Softball	12" Softball	12" Softball
<b>Length of Bases</b>	50 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.
<b>Pitching distance</b>	30 ft.	35 ft.	40 ft.	43 ft.
<b>Regulation Games</b>	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings
<b>Game Limits</b>	No new inning 1 hour 45 minutes after 1 <sup>st</sup> pitch. Drop dead time is 8pm on school nights.	No new inning 1 hour 45 minutes after 1 <sup>st</sup> pitch. Drop dead time is 8pm on school nights.	No new inning 1 hour 45 minutes after 1 <sup>st</sup> pitch. Drop dead time is 8pm on school nights.	No new inning 1 hour 45 minutes after 1 <sup>st</sup> pitch
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	None	None	10 runs after 4 innings	10 runs after 5 innings
<b>Number of Fielders</b>	10, including Short Center who must start 10 ft. behind 2 <sup>nd</sup> base when pitch is thrown	10, including Short Center who must start 10 ft. behind 2 <sup>nd</sup> base when pitch is thrown	10 total. 9 infielders and 4 outfielders.	9
<b>Inning Ends</b>	3 outs, batting order, or 5 runs, whichever 1st. (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 7th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)
<b>Overthrows</b>	No extra base	No extra base	Only 1 extra base	Advance as many bases at runners own risk
<b>Dead Ball</b>	In possession of an infielder in the infield.	In possession of the pitcher.	Pitching circle or umpire's discretion	Pitching circle or umpire's discretion
<b>Hitting / Bases</b>				
<b>Number of Batters</b>	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
<b>Bunting</b>	No	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Stealing</b>	No	No	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> base only, after ball crosses the plate. Runners can't advance on overthrows on a steal.	Any base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
<b>Hit by Pitch</b>	No Base	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce, if coach not pitching	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce,	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce,
<b>Lead-offs</b>	No	After ball crosses the plate	After ball crosses the plate	After ball leaves the pitcher's hand
<b>Pitching (No Step back allowed at any level)</b>				
<b>Coach Pitch</b>	7 total pitches. Kids can pitch as many attempts as the coach allows from 30 ft.	Coach pitch after ball 4. Strike count remains the same and coach is allowed a max of 3 pitches. The at-bat continues if 3 <sup>rd</sup> pitch or any pitch thereafter is fouled off.	No	No
<b>Inning Limits</b>	3 innings	3 innings/game 12 innings/week	3 innings/game 12 innings/week	4 innings/game 12 innings/week 16 innings in playoffs
<b>Walks</b>	No	No	Yes (No intentional walks)	Yes
<b>Hit Batter - Remove Pitcher</b>	N/A	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game
<b>Special Notes</b>	Kids pitch to their own team. When they pitch, they move to bottom of the batting order. No more batting tee 6/3.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings per game.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings per game.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings per game.

This chart is for quick reference only. Please refer to your full copy of rules for any questions or clarifications. Rules may differ for the playoffs. An updated sheet will be sent out as it gets closer to the tournament. (Revised 4-30-19)