

## 2022 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls softball rules

1. Game time will be as many innings as possible within 1 hour 5 minutes, whichever comes first. No additional innings will begin after the 55-minute mark, however, an attempt to finish the inning can be made, allowing each team to complete its turn at bat. If still tied it will go to international tie breaker rules.
2. A mercy rule of 10 runs after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning will be observed. If at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning one team is ahead by 10 runs or more the umpire will call the game complete, and the game will end.
3. Play can begin with 7 players. When another player arrives, that player can be inserted into the line-up in an open position. Games will be ruled a forfeit if the number of players fall below 7 on a team. If a player in the line-up must leave the game early for reasons other than injury the coach must notify the opposing coach and umpire.
4. All players will bat; therefore, the batting line-up will not change during the game.
5. Each player will play at least 2 innings per game on defense if time allows.
6. Free substitution on defense
7. No lead off you may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand, you can steal home.
8. Nine (9) defensive players will be allowed to take the field with the standard 6 infield positions (including catcher) and 3 outfield positions. If both coaches agree 10 players can be on defense.
9. The base path distance will be 60 feet.
10. The pitching distance will be 43 feet
11. The drop third strike rule will be enforced. Runners may advance on a dropped third strike. Batter is out if first base is occupied. With 2 outs batter may advance even if 1<sup>st</sup> base is occupied.
12. A regulation 12" softball will be used in this league.
13. No playing on 2 teams in the same league.
14. NO STEEL Cleats allowed at any position.
15. Teams will bat until 6 runs or 3 outs per inning.
16. Once a runner has stopped advancing after the 6<sup>th</sup> run of that inning, the inning will be over.
17. No after season tournament.

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