

Youth Softball Rules

12/14U

All games will be governed by USA Softball Rules unless otherwise stated/revised below

REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE RULES

1. Pitching Distance will be set at **40 Feet** for the 12/14U division.
2. Umpire/Coach meeting will take place **10 min before** the scheduled game time.
3. Both teams must start a game with **nine** players.
 - a. If players are borrowed from other teams, the borrowed players must be announced at the coach/umpire meeting.
 - b. Borrowed players must play in the outfield and must bat at the end of the lineup.
 - c. May not borrow more than **three** players.
4. Umpires are **not** obligated to officiate a game with less than **nine** players.
5. Line-ups must be submitted at coaches meeting prior to first pitch.
6. Coaches will bat their entire line up / open substitutions will be allowed.
7. If a player is running late, advise the coach to list a player at the bottom of the line up.
 - a. If a player is a no-show that is on the line up, the coach should advise the umpire before 2nd inning start, player can be scratched off line-up without risk of an out.
8. **Three outs** or **five runs** allowed as the **max per inning**.
9. Infield fly rule applies when runners are on first and second base and there are fewer than two outs.
 - a. IF the batter pops up to the infield, the batter is automatically out and the runners must tag-up.
 - b. Infield fly rules are enforced.
10. Dropped third strike is enforced
 - a. The batter may attempt to advance to first if first base is unoccupied and there are less than two outs.
 - i. If first base is occupied, with less than two outs, the batter is automatically called out
 - ii. If first base is occupied, with two outs, the hitter may attempt to advance to first and will be called safe if the attempt is successful.
 - iii. Base runners may attempt to advance on a drop third strike regardless of the number of outs with the liability of being put out.
11. Sliding is **mandatory** at home plate if there is a play.
 - a. An umpire is **not obligated** to enforce the slide at home.
 - b. Coaches are encouraged to teach their athletes the proper way to slide and defend the play at home.
12. Defense/catchers will not block or obstruct the base/plate before receiving the ball or the runner may be called safe.
13. The game time limit will be as follows,
 - a. No **new** inning after 70 minutes.
 - b. Drop-dead after 80 minutes OR 6 completed innings.
 - c. If the inning isn't finished due to Drop-Dead time, the score reverts back to the previous inning.

Youth Softball Rules

12/14U

All games will be governed by USA Softball Rules unless otherwise stated/revised below

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

1. All USA Softball and before mentioned Rules will apply unless noted for the championship tournament.
2. 9 players will be allowed on the field
3. Single-elimination tournament
4. No borrowed players will be allowed
5. Higher seed will be the home team
6. **12/14U Playoffs and Championship**
 - a. **Round one and two** will play a timed game
 - i. **Three outs** or **five runs** allowed as the **max per inning**.
 - ii. The game time limit will be as follows,
 1. No **new** inning after 1hr 15min.
 2. Drop-dead after 1hr 30 min OR 6 completed innings.
 3. If the inning isn't finished due to Drop-Dead time, the score reverts back to the previous inning **UNLESS this will result in a tie. In this case, we will finish the inning.**
 4. In the event of a tie (after drop-dead time has expired)
 - a. Extra inning(s) allowed.
 - b. To start their at-bat, each team will be allowed **two** baserunners to start at second and third base.
 - i. runners will be the last two batters from the previous inning.
 - c. Each team will begin their at-bat with **two outs.**
 - b. **Championship** game
 - i. Five run (max per inning) rule will apply for **innings 1-4**
 - ii. Run rules (game will be called if one of the following is met)
 1. 11+ runs ahead by the start of inning four
 2. 6+ runs ahead by the start of inning five
 - iii. Inning **5** and **6** will be **open** innings
 - iv. Game will consist of a **maximum** of **six** innings
 - v. In the event of a tie:
 1. Extra inning(s) allowed.
 2. To start their at-bat, each team will be allowed a baserunner to start at second base.