



## 2021 Competitive Softball League Rules

|  | 10U       | 12U       | 14U       |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Max innings or time limit (no new inn. after time expires, new inn. begins after 3rd out)      | 7 or 1:20 | 7 or 1:20 | 7 or 1:20 |
| Pitching distance  | 35        | 40        | 43        |
| Base distance  | 60        | 60        | 60        |
| Teams allowed 3 conferences per game. Pitcher is removed after 4th. 1 more in extra inn.       | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| *Max runs per half inning  | 6         | 6         | 6         |
| Mercy/run rule (15, 12, or 8 runs after 3, 4, or 5 innings)                                    | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Players on defense   | 9         | 9         | 9         |
| Game ball (2 new/2 used per game, supplied by JC Parks, retrieve foul ball on your side)       | 11 inch   | 12 inch   | 12 inch   |
| Coaches allowed on field for defense (but it is OK for coaches to be just outside the dugout)  | No        | No        | No        |
| Bat the roster & free substitution   | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| If player does not bat due to injury, sick, or no sub, she is out unless opposing coach waives | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Minimum players to play a game (9 batter is an out each inn.)                                  | 8         | 8         | 8         |
| Courtesy Runner for Pitcher & Catcher  | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Score & standings kept (verify with umpire & scorekeepers each inn.)                           | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Official game if played 3.5 innings if home team leads or 45 minutes played                    | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| League games end in a tie  | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Infield fly rule   | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Lead off when the ball leaves the pitchers hand & steal  | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Dropped 3rd strike rule  | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Intentional walk (no pitches, Head Coach just notifies umpire)                                 | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
| Metal cleats allowed   | No        | No        | Yes       |
| Mandatory slide rule (but if umpire rules malicious, player is out & ejected for the game)     | No        | No        | No        |
| Bats must have USA or ASA stamp  | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |

If not mentioned in rules above, USA Softball rules will govern play.

Game & Roster Protest: Must be in writing to League Administrator with \$100 fee to JC Parks.

All players must be on the online roster and cannot play for 2 teams in the same age group. Rosters are frozen after game 1.

Age is determined as of Jan. 1, 2021. Head Coaches must show birth certificates if questioned.

\*If the home team cannot win the game, due to the max runs per half inning rule, the game is over. We will not play, or let the home team bat, the last half inning.