

2023 Rec Softball League Rules



**JC
PARKS**

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

*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.

**The bat is extended if the last pitch is hit foul. If the batter does not hit a fair ball from the coach, she is out.

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