

### 11-13 Youth Softball Rules

- Bases are 60 feet apart. Pitching rubber is 40 feet from home plate.
- Softball size is 12”.
- Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour time limit, whichever comes first. No new inning will begin with 5 minutes or less remaining in the time limit.
- If time limit is reached in middle of the inning, the inning will be finished out. Max of 6 runs scored in innings 1-4, no inning run rule after 4. Run rule is 15 after 4 and 10 after 5 to end the game.
- If the score is tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie. No extra innings.
- There will be 10 players on the field. If a team has less than 8 players, the team must forfeit the game. There will be a 5-minute grace period for late players showing up.
- Every player must play in the infield for at least 1 inning per game, all infield positions must be filled before the outfield.
- You must not bench a player for more than 2 consecutive innings unless for discipline or injury.
- There will be no positional changes on the field except for a pitcher’s change or an injury.
- It is strongly recommended that all defensive players wear face protection.
- Outfielders must play 20 feet behind the bases.
- This is all player pitch. Pitchers can only pitch 3 total innings. It is **MANADTORY** that pitchers wear face protection (not provided by park district).
- Please limit pitcher conferences to keep the game moving.
- If the pitcher hits the batter, the batter gets first base, and the runners advance 1 base.
- 4 balls and 3 strikes per batter. We want the players to swing the bat.
- No intentional walks allowed.
- Dropped third strikes are permitted. The batter may run to first base if unoccupied if there is a wild pitch called for a third strike or dropped by the catcher.
- Batters and base runners must always wear helmets with face masks.
- Batters should not throw their bats. If it continues, the batter could be called out.
- No metal spikes or cleats allowed.
- Runners may steal. They may leave the base as soon as the ball leaves the pitcher’s hands. If the runner leaves early, this will result in a dead ball and the runner is out. Players must slide if it is a close play at any base.
- No stealing home.

- Catching equipment will be provided and must be always worn in the field of play.
- It is strongly recommended that all defensive players wear face protection (park district will not provide this).
- No jewelry allowed.
- All umpire rulings are final.
- All rain delays/cancellations will be determined by site manager and the site.