

13U League Softball Rules 2019

Champaign County League

***All age groups are subject to Champaign County League-Wide Regulations**

13U-League Softball shall follow OHSAA/NFHS official fast pitch softball rules with the league specific exceptions listed below.

1. Age Qualifications: 13u Softball ages are for 10 to 13 year olds. A player can't be 14 years old before January 1st (No Exceptions).
2. Playing Field: Pitching: 40ft. from the back corner of home plate to front edge of the pitching rubber. Base Path: 60ft.
3. Eight (8) foot radius pitching circle rule WILL apply.
4. Will use an 12" softball. (Yellow in color).
5. Batting helmets with face guard are mandatory.
6. Defensive players in the infield must wear field guard.
7. Games will consist of six innings. A complete game can be called after four innings. Only exception after 3 1/2 innings and the home team is ahead.
8. 7 runs per inning limit. **This includes the last inning. In the event that the final inning cannot result in a lead change, the winning team must complete the final defensive inning.**
9. Run Rule: 15 run after 3 innings and 12 runs after 4 innings. A game will be called and considered official if a team is ahead by fifteen(15) or more runs after three (3) complete innings (2 ½ innings with the home team leading) etc.
10. Play with 9 defensive players (3 outfielders)
11. Pitchers may re-enter as a pitcher.
12. A pitcher entering the game for the 1st time will be allowed (5) warm up pitches. A pitcher re-entering will be allowed (3) warm up pitches.
13. If the pitcher hits 2 girls in a row or 3 girls in an inning, she must be removed for that inning only and may return but if she hits a 4th in a game she must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
14. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game.
15. One (1) more inning per pitcher will be allowed in extra innings. Extra innings start after the declared last inning. One (1) pitch is considered one (1) inning. Failure to comply will result in forfeit, if brought to the attention of umpire/ opposing coach during game. No forfeits will be awarded days following games.
16. A coach may make two mound visits. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.
17. No intentional walks will be allowed. All batters must be pitched to. The intent of this rule is to prevent automatic placement of batter on first base.
18. The batter can run on a dropped 3rd strike, according to softball rules.
19. All players are to slide or avoid when a play is being made at any base other than first (1st). Failure to do so will result in the player being called out if contact is made, in the judgment of the umpire. Jumping over a fielder to avoid a tag will result in the runner being called out even if there is no contact. The play becomes a dead ball play and further advancement of runners will not be allowed. In severe cases, the offending player will also be ejected from the game. The severity is in the judgment of the umpire.
20. When there is no play (at any base) the catcher or fielder shall leave the base path open. The slide rule is not in effect in this instance.
21. No head first slides except on dive backs.
22. Chanting and singing will be permitted on the field and in the dugout. Team cannot direct singing or chanting towards the opposing team. Stomping on benches or banging on fences will not be permitted.