

13U League Softball Rules 2018

Champaign County League

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

Age Qualifications

- Ages are 10 to 13 year olds, a player can't be 14 years old before January 1st. All 14 year olds must move up to 16u League. (No Exceptions).

Playing Field

- o Pitching: 40ft. from the back corner of home plate to front edge of the pitching rubber.
- o Base Path: 60ft.
- o Umpire is required: Shall be OHSAA or ASA sanctioned umpire and not be a relative of a player. (Also applies to tournament)

Equipment

- o Batting helmets with face guard are mandatory.
- o Will use an 12" softball. (Yellow in color).
- o Home team will provide (1) new and (1) good used ball for each home game.
- o Shoes are required equipment. Shoe sole or heel projection other than the standard shoe plate are prohibited. Metal toe plates and metal cleats are prohibited.
- o Defensive players in the infield position must wear field guard.

Player Substitutions

- Teams may borrow up to (3) players from a lower division. If an area does not have a lower division, they may borrow from another Champaign County League lower division team.
- Games may be played with 8 players, without penalty. Sub players will not play before an original player on the roster. Subs may play any position on the field. Teams need to have 6 original members to count as a game. The game may start with only 8 players in the field.
- No borrowed player will be permitted to play if a full line up of roster players is present and able to play.

Games

Innings: 6; Official Game: 4

- 7 runs per inning limit, including last inning.
- Run Rule: 15 run after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings. A game will be called and considered official if a team is ahead by fifteen(15) or more runs after four (4) complete innings (3½ innings with the home team leading) etc.
- Eight (8) foot radius pitching circle rule WILL apply.
- Regular season games can end in a tie

Time Limit: A new inning can't be started after one hour and forty-five minutes (1:45) All games will be called at 10:00 P.M. on school nights, score reverts back to the last completed inning unless it's the bottom of the inning and the home team is ahead.

- 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.
- Tournament Only: If the score is tied at the end of the 6th inning, extra inning will be played, and the international tiebreaker rule will be used. The last batter from the previous inning will start the new inning on second base. Regular season games can end in a tie
- A fifteen (15) minute grace period, after the scheduled starting time, will be granted prior to a forfeit being declared.
- Play with (6) infielders and (3) outfielders.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game (free substitution). Any pitches thrown will constitute an inning. 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.
- A coach may make two trips to mound. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.
- 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.
- No infield warm-up is permitted after the first inning by coaches.
- 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.
- No manager or coach shall direct any remark to or call any opposing player by name for the purpose of distracting that player while the game is in progress.
- Hanging onto or climbing the backstops or fences is strictly prohibited.
- Any manager, coach, umpire or team member creating a disturbance, using profane or insulting language, or displaying any other form of unsportsmanlike conduct during the warm-up, game, or immediately following a game, may be suspended from any further participation, in any capacity, for the year involved. This includes parents. Any suspension is subject to review by respective associations' board.
- A team will be given one (1) warning for a player throwing a helmet, every additional incidence will result in an out, regardless of which player is guilty.

- A player will be given one (1) warning for throwing the bat, every additional incidence will result in an out
- **Each team will get three (3) outs or seven (7) runs per inning whichever comes first. (including last inning)**
- **A pegged batting ordered required.**

Official rosters

- o Official rosters must contain
 - o Team name, area, age division
 - o Coaches name, phone number
 - o Players name, DOB
 - o Players may only be on (1) Champaign County League Roster.
 - o Rosters must be presented to the opposing coach at the 1st scheduled game with that team. Players may be added to a roster up to the 3rd game of the season by contacting the league president. Final rosters must be presented to the tournament director prior to the 1st game of the tournament.
 - o Final rosters must contain a minimum of (8) players and a maximum of (20).
 - o No boys are permitted to play in the Champaign County League games or tournaments.
- An umpire can eject a player if he feels they intentionally tried to injure another player.
 - An umpire may call a player out for throwing the bat after one team warning.
 - Play will be stopped if a player is obviously injured and the umpire will place the runners to their respective bases. (Safety of the child comes first!)
 - All protests are to refer to OHSAA and Champaign County League and are to be resolved immediately. Home plate umpire's decision is final.

When games are postponed for any reason, we may or may not finish or reschedule game.

- o Games once started but suspended because of darkness or rain, prior to being an official game may be completed at a later date. Play will resume from the same point that play was suspended. The same line-ups will take the field as were in use at the time of suspension. The home team scorebook will be official in case of disputes.
- o An on duty board member of the host association will be the sole judge of whether a game will be postponed.