

13U League Softball Rules 2021 Champaign County League

***All age groups are subject to Champaign County League-Wide Regulations.** All rules not covered herein shall be governed by high school rulebook

1. Age Qualifications: 13u Softball ages are for 11 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. Eight (8) foot radius pitching circle rule WILL apply.
3. Will use an 12" softball. (Yellow in color).
4. Batting helmets with face guard are mandatory.
5. Defensive player in the pitcher position must wear field guard. This is highly recommended for all infield players to wear.
6. 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.
7. 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.**
8. Run Rule: 15 runs after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings.
9. **Play with 10 defensive players (4 outfielders) – NEW rule in 2021**
10. Pitchers may re-enter as a pitcher.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game.
14. 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 the umpire/opposing coach during the game.
15. A coach may make two mound visits. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed.
16. 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.
17. The batter can run on a dropped 3rd strike, according to softball rules.
18. Sliding: Head first sliding is strictly prohibited and constitutes an automatic out. All runners must attempt to slide if a play is being made on that base. A player may dive headfirst back into a bag.
19. 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.