

## 16U 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: 16u Softball ages are for 14 to 16 year olds. A player can't be 16 years old before January 1st (No Exceptions).
2. Playing Field: Pitching: 43ft. 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. Metal cleats ARE allowed in 16u softball, UNLESS, playing on artificial turf or pitching mat.
5. Batting helmets with face guard are mandatory.
6. Defensive player in the pitcher position must wear field guard. This is highly recommended for all infield players to wear.
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 runs after 4 innings and 12 runs after 5 innings.
10. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game.
11. Pitchers may re-enter as a pitcher, but must adhere to the 4 inning pitch limit. One pitch thrown = One Inning
12. If the pitcher hits 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. One (1) more inning per pitcher will be allowed in extra innings. Extra innings start after the declared last inning by umpire. Failure to comply will result in forfeit, if brought to the attention of the umpire/opposing coach during the game.
14. A coach may make two mound visits. On the third trip, the pitcher must be removed.