

16u Softball Rules

*Game is women's fast pitch using 10 Players. NSA rules apply. Roster limit is 16 girls. Pitching distance is 40 feet with 60 feet base paths. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game. A 16yr old can not pitch if she is on an elite team roster or a varsity starting pitcher. Ex; Diamond Girls, Xtreme, Sting, etc.

*All games begin at 6:15 with a 15 min grace period.

*In order to avoid a forfeit a coach has the following options;
Play with 8 or 9 players. No out is taken for a missing player at bat. If 9th or 10th player arrives she is put into the game immediately and placed at bottom of the batting order.

A coach may bring up players from the next lower level (12u) in his association. This player can not play as a pitcher or catcher and must be placed in bottom of batting order. This player must be on the roster of a lower level team in his association and must play in her lower level uniform. Intention of this rule is to help avoid a forfeit not to illegally add a lower level player to your roster. A legally rostered player shall not sit out for the entire game while a borrowed player is put in. Ex; ten rostered players plus one borrowed player show up for a game. The borrowed player is put in only for the required number of innings (3 innings with batting around order)

*An official game is 7 innings (4 if rain occurs, 3 ½ if home team is ahead)

However, should one team be ahead by 15 runs at the end of the 5th inning, the game is officially over. A full 5 innings must be played unless home team is ahead. If score is tied at the end of 7 innings, extra innings may be played provided no inning starts after 8:15pm. If the game is tied after 8:15 the game will be finished another day as agreed by both coaches. This rule will not be in effect during playoff games. The game will continue until the umpire of the hosting association deems it to dark to continue play. He must let both coaches know when it will be the last inning.

*Free substitution and batting around the order are used in all games.

*A new pitcher is allowed 5 warm-up pitches. A returning pitcher is allowed 3 pitches.

*3 outs or batting around the order once completes an inning, whichever comes first. If number of players is unequal, team with fewer players continues to bat until batter number is equals opposing team. The 7th inning, last team must get 3 outs.

*Any girl who comes to the game ready to play on time, must play at least three defensive innings with batting around order.

*No metal cleats. Helmets with faceguards should be worn by all batters.

*Host association must provide and pay for the umpires along with providing the game balls.

*Rain outs/Rescheduling games:

The home team's coach of a rained out game must find a date that works for both teams, confirm diamond availability with his or her league director, and reschedule within 14 days of cancellation.

*Good sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. Only the head coach should talk to the umpire during the game.

*Stealing is allowed, including home. Girls may steal when the ball leaves the pitchers hand.