

Sanford, Westown, Southtown, Coleman, Mills, Larkin Youth Leagues

Major Girls Softball

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Official High School Softball Rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Pitchers can only pitch three (3) innings. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning.
2. Any offensive player on the playing field must wear a batting helmet.
3. Bat the full roster. A maximum of six (6) runs per inning can be scored, or three (3) outs per inning.
4. All players will play two (2) defensive innings.
5. No infield fly rule, no dropped 3rd strike rule and no batters allowed "on deck".
6. Free substitution is allowed; batting order does not change.
7. Each game will consist of six (6) innings. 4 ½ innings constitutes a complete game.
8. Teams can play a game without forfeit with seven (7) players, but they must list eight (8) players on their batting roster. If there is not an eighth batter, the team must take an out.
9. Batter or base runner will be out for intentionally throwing of helmet or bat.
10. 60 feet bases.
11. Pitching distance is forth (40) feet.
12. Starting time is 6:15 PM. Game time is forfeit time. No inning shall begin after two (2) hours from the beginning of the game.
13. Base runner must slide if a play is imminent. Players not sliding will be called out.
14. Stealing is allowed after the ball crosses home plate.
15. Any runner on base may not leave the base until the ball crosses home plate or is hit by the batter.
16. 12" Yellow non-restricted flight Official ASA softballs shall be used.
17. Eight (8) run mercy rule is in effect after 4 ½ innings.
18. No intentional walks.
19. Bat diameter must be no larger than 2 ¼".
20. Pitchers must start with both feet in contact with the rubber and is not allowed to step back during windup.
21. Coaches shall attempt to play games missed due to weather. If games cannot be made up, it will result in a tie. All make up games must be played no later than one (1) week after the last scheduled game in that league. If a coach refuses to reschedule a game, it will result in a forfeit for that team.