

## **Sanford, Westtown, Coleman, Mills, Southtown, Larkin Youth Leagues**

### **Minor Girls Softball**

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

1. Pitching distance is Thirty-five (35) feet.
2. Pitchers can pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning. Pitchers must start with both feet in contact with the rubber and is not allowed to step back during windup.
3. The dropped third strike rule is not in effect.
4. Base Stealing:  
Stealing bases is allowed after May 7<sup>th</sup>, not before. This includes stealing home.  
A baserunner may attempt to steal one base per pitched ball. If an attempt is made to throw out the runner, the baserunner may attempt, at their risk, to advance only one additional base (a baserunner may only advance a maximum of two bases per steal attempt).
5. Any offensive player on the playing field must wear a batting helmet.
6. Bat the full roster. An inning consists of three (3) outs or five (5) runs scored. All players will play two (2) defensive innings.
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Free substitution is allowed, batting order does not change.
9. 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. Each game will consist of six (6) innings unless called due to darkness or weather. 4 ½ innings constitutes a complete game.
10. 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.
11. Batter or base runner will be out for intentionally throwing of helmet or bat.
12. Coaches and managers are encouraged to assist players while on the field..
13. No illegal pitch shall be called.
14. Bats shall not exceed 2 ¼ inches in diameter. Balls shall be 11", Yellow, non-restricted flight.
15. Minors may use ten (10) players on defense with the tenth player being an outfielder.
16. Base runners must slide if a play on them is imminent. If they do not slide they will be called out.
17. Any runner on base may not leave the base until the ball crosses home plate or is hit by the batter. The ball remains in play until it reaches the pitcher in the pitching circle.
18. Ten (10) run mercy rule is in effect after 4 ½ innings.
19. No intentional walks.
20. 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.
21. No on-deck batters will be allowed.
22. If a pitched ball bounces off the ground or home plate and hits the batter, the ball is dead and the batter will be awarded first base, as long as the batter makes an attempt to avoid the pitched ball.

