

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUES

12 & 14 UNDER GIRL'S SOFTBALL RULES

1. A player must not turn 13 years of age before January 1 of the current year for 12 & Under division and a player must not turn 15 years of age before January 1 of the current year for 14 & Under division.
2. Any player transferring from one league team to another without changing residence will be ineligible for one year unless they have moved.
3. A player must play in the regular league of the league she plays for in the Tri county League.
4. Bases are to be 60 ft, pitching rubber at 40 feet for Girls 12U and 43 feet for Girls 14U.
5. A complete game is six innings. Run rule is 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, and 12 runs after 5 innings. There is no time limit or run rule per inning.
6. Half of an inning will consist of three outs.
7. A player will not show any unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind.
8. In 12U, a starting team shall consist of ten (10) players, (four outfielders). In 14U, a starting team shall consist of nine (9) players, (three outfielders). The minimum is seven (7) players, less than seven is a forfeit. Outfielders must be positioned in the grass until contact with the ball.
9. No metal spikes.
10. The home team will furnish two new 12" yellow softballs.
11. Catchers must wear full protective gear. Face guards are required on all batting helmets.
12. All players on the roster, which are present for the game, shall be placed in the batting order, therefore creating free defensive substitution between innings. Should a player miss her turn at bat due to illness, she may return in her spot in the batting order without taking an out. If a player arrives late, she will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
13. A player being played on while advancing to a base other than first should attempt to slide. If a runner advances to a base without sliding with the intent of knocking the ball loose by colliding with the fielder, the runner shall be called out and may be expelled from the game. A runner attempting to advance to any base, other than first, without sliding should avoid contact. (A runner may not leap over the top of a defensive player.)

14. A batter or runner shall be called out for knocking off or removing their helmet intentionally.
15. Coaches may not touch runners while the ball is alive. If this occurs, the runner shall be called out.
16. No leading off allowed.
17. Infield fly run will be enforced.
18. Player throwing bat: one warning per team. After warning, any player on the warned team shall be called out. Runners DO NOT advance if the ball is hit in fair territory.
19. All diamonds must be lined for each game, including the batter's box and the pitching circle.
20. Forfeit time is 30 minutes after time listed on schedule.
21. If play is stopped due to inclement weather, 3 ½ innings will be considered a complete game if the home team is ahead. If the minimum innings have not been played, play will pick up where the game was stopped. EXCEPTION: Play off games will be played to completion.
22. A delivered ball that hits the batter shall be a strike if the batter swings at the pitch, or a dead ball walk if the batter does not swing and attempts to avoid being hit by the pitch.
23. When a pitcher gains possession of the ball with both feet inside the 16ft circle, all runners must make a decision as to advance to the next base or go back immediately. Any runner failing to do so in this situation is declared out.
24. Stealing is allowed at every base. Runner may leave the base after the ball leaves the pitchers hand.
25. IHSAA regulation shall apply to all situations and rules not covered in Tri County League rules.
26. Games must be played at the scheduled date and time. If there is a conflict, the 1st option is to check with other town to see if their diamonds are playable. 2nd option is to make up the games on the following Saturday or Sunday, at home field first and visiting field second. If games are not made up the following weekend, the board must ok it or it will be considered a forfeit.
27. Cancellations must be done as soon as possible. If not weather related, the opposing team must be notified 48 hours in advance.
28. Roster and entry fee must be turned into league president no later than April 15 of the current year.
29. No infield ball after first inning.
30. Each team must wear matching uniforms, shirt with tails tucked into pants, with matching hats.

31. It is the coaches' responsibility to give a list of rules to the umpires. It is recommended that a list of umpires be given to the Girls' Commissioner. It is recommended that a copy of rules be kept in the concession stand.

32. The winning team will contact the Girls' Commissioner after the game, with the score.

33. All teams are required to have birth certificates available at all games. A game may be played in full, but if a birth certificate is not produced by the end of the game, it will be a forfeit.

34. All teams are required to attend the Tri County tournament. Failure to do so places the coach on suspension for the next season.

35. All teams that win their division are required to attend All Star All Star Night. Failure to do so places the coach on suspension for the next season, and they forfeit their trophies.

36. A game must have a declared winner; no game can end in a tie.

37. The home team will furnish both umpires. Not using parents to umpire home plate is recommended. Umpires minimum age is 18 years. All umpires must be qualified. If an umpire's age is in question, the home team will have 48 hours to produce a picture proof of age before the game is declared a forfeit for the home team.

38. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when there are two (2) outs. The courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out. No courtesy runner will be used in the last inning or any extra innings.