

OGAA SOFTBALL
RECREATION RULES

I. Fields:

1. Bases will be at a distance of 60 feet.
2. Pitcher's mound will be a distance of 35 feet from home plate (8 & 10U) Pitcher's mound will be a distance of 40 feet from home plate (12U) Pitcher's mound will be a distance of 43 feet from home plate (13U-HS)
3. A sixteen (16) feet diameter (8' radius) circle will be drawn around the pitcher's mound.

II. Equipment:

1. Batters and base runners will wear helmets with a face mask. Chin straps are optional.
2. Catchers will wear a helmet with a face guard, shin guards and chest protector.
3. Regulation USA 11" optic yellow softballs will be used for 8-10U & 12" for 12U-HS
4. All offensive players must keep their helmet on while outside the dugouts. Helmets must fit and be worn properly. If a player removes her helmet on the field of play during a live ball situation after being called out, a warning will be issued to the coach and player.
5. Metal Cleats are **ONLY** allowed in the 13-HS division.
6. **Pitchers are required to wear a mask while pitching.**

III. Rules: (All USA rules will apply with the following exceptions)

Games will consist of one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15 hr.) time limit or (7) innings whichever comes first. A new inning will not start after one hour and ten minutes (1:10 hr.) The Home team will be allowed to complete their last at-bat. The **Fall season** games will observe one hour and five minutes (1:05) time limit.

1. A ten (10) run rule will apply after the fifth (5th) inning or a fifteen (15) run rule after the third (3rd).
2. **The 7 run rule per inning will only be utilized in 8U.** The home team will finish last at bat. For example; home team trails by 8 runs, they will be allowed to finish their last at bat and not limited to 7 runs.
3. **Ten (10) players will be allowed to play while on defense only if both teams can field 10 players. If one team has 9 players and the other has 10, the team with 9 can pick up a player to make ten as long as on age or younger. The pickup player must also be registered with a current season team at ogaa. If no player is available, both will play 9 on defense.**
4. Runners advancing to bases will be governed under USA Official Rules of Softball. **The Look-Back Rule is also applicable.**
5. A verbal team warning will be given for the first incident of slinging the bat. Any time thereafter, the umpire will call the batter out and the ball dead. Base runners will return to the base previously occupied.
6. The ball being thrown back to the pitcher is a live ball.
7. A runner is entitled to advance with liability to be put out when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand on the delivery. Exception: whenever an awarded base forces the runner to advance.
8. The stealing of Home is allowed.
9. On-deck batters will warm-up using on-deck circle nearest their team's dugout area or at the umpire's discretion.

8U

1. One-half inning will consist of three (3) outs, 7 runs or ten (10) batters, whichever comes first. **Each batter will be pitched a total of 5 pitches to hit. Foul offs, and foul tips will be considered a pitch.** If a team has less than 10 batters, then the team will only bat through the lineup one time. The only exception will be home team finishes their at bat. (See rule 2 in section above)
2. Ten (10) players will be allowed to play while on defense. No more than six (6) will be allowed on the infield until the ball is batted. Teams will bat entire lineup.
3. When the tenth (10th) batter or last batter (Ref: Rule III-1) of a half-inning comes to bat, the coaches will inform the umpire who will announce the message to both teams. There will automatically be two (2) outs, if not already.
4. After the tenth (10th) batter has hit the ball, play will be considered dead when the defense makes the third (3rd) out or the batter has scored. A third out can be recorded by a force out, tag out or by a player touching home plate with possession of the ball.
5. On an overthrow at **first base**, the runner may advance one base with liability to be put out. The runner cannot advance past second base even if a play is made on the advancing runner.

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Other runners get the base they are going to plus one more. **EXCEPTION:** Tenth (10th) batter.

6. Play will be considered dead when the defense gets the ball in front of a lead runner or the defense gets the ball into the infield and the runners have stopped. The Umpire judgment is final in all decisions of play.

7. No bunting or slapping; batter must swing at the ball. A bunt will be called a strike.

8. The Coach-Pitcher may pitch closer than the pitching rubber but both feet must remain within the 16' diameter pitching circle until the ball is released. On a batted fair ball, the Coach- Pitcher shall immediately exit the field of play opposite the batted ball as to not interfere with play.

9. Pitcher must be parallel to the rubber on the left or right side of the coach pitcher within the pitching circle.

10. Infielders will play no closer to the batter than a line from first (1st) base to third (3rd) base before the ball is hit. No running players down except in the immediate area where the ball is fielded. All Players must throw the ball (not roll), and attempt to make a valid play on each batter/base-runner.

11. Outfielders shall play no closer than 85' from home plate.

12. Outfielders will not run to the infield to make a play. They must throw the ball to an infielder. Infielders will not run out to outfield for a ball unless as a relay from the outfielder.

13. All players must be female eight (8) years old or younger as of January 1st of the current year

14. Coaches will be allowed in the outfield while a team is on defense for instructional purposes.

10U

1. A runner may only steal one base per pitched ball. Runners advancing safely to more than one stolen base will be sent back to the appropriate base. A base-on-balls is a live play and stealing is allowed.

2. **The Third Strike rule does not apply.** The Batter is out on any third strike. The ball is live and runners may advance with liability to be put out.

3. No infield fly rule

4. Players must be (10) years old or younger as of Jan.1 of the current year

12U-HS

1. **(12U) Players must be female twelve (12) years old or younger as of January 1st of the current year.**

2. **(13-HS) Players must be female in High School and (18) years old or younger as of Jan. 1st of the current year.**

3. **12U-HS will follow USA rules for play**

IV. Managers and coaches:

1. Two (2) adult base coaches are allowed when their team is batting.

2. Coaches are not allowed in the outfield when their team is on defense.(Exception is coach pitch)

3. Coaches cannot touch players or ball while play is live.

V. Players, substitutes, and batting order:

1. All players present at the start of a game will be in the batting order. Late arrivals will be added to the bottom of the order with no exceptions. The coach shall start any nine (9) players on defense and free substitution will be allowed. At no time shall the batting order/rotation change.

2. At start of games, if there are only seven (7) players a coach may pick-up a player in the same age or younger division or younger, playing her in the field (**unless coaches agree player can play other position**) and batting last in the order. A team may pick-up a maximum of three players to make ten (10) players. **Pickup players MUST come from players registered on other OGAA teams in season, no exceptions!** Once the game has started, a team must have seven (7) players to prevent forfeiture.

3. **Players cannot sit out two (2) consecutive innings per game.**

4. Exceptions can be made when a player gets sick or hurt. It must be obvious a player fits into one of these categories. This rule cannot be used to skip the players turn at bat to allow a better hitter to advance, especially when the game is on the line. The coach of the team involved must notify the umpire and opposing coach why the player cannot take her turn at bat. This reason is to be notated in the scorebook, along with inning occurred. There will not be an out called for the missing batter.

5. A player cannot return to the game after being removed for injury or sickness. There will not be an out called for the missing batter.

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VI. Coaches:

1. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their team members and fans.
2. **NO JEWELRY ALLOWED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL ALERT ID.**
3. There shall be no “ARGUING” with the umpires at any time by coaches. **The penalty is detailed in the Softball Park Rules.** Any league member in violation of this rule continuously will be brought before the board. Coaches are permitted to call time and approach the umpire in an orderly manner to ask a question or seek clarification of a rule call. If a coach is ejected, he/she will not be allowed to remain in view of the playing field.
4. Once the game is officially started, the umpire will have full control. No protest accepted on judgment calls. An Official Protest must be submitted to the league board in writing within 24 hours after completion of protested game. An Official Protest must be reported to the game umpire at the time of the infraction and prior to the next pitch ball to be considered a legal protest.
5. Complaints about coaches by parents or about parents by coaches must be given to the board in writing. The complaint will be reviewed and the board will make every effort to resolve the conflict.
6. There will be no smoking, or use of tobacco products on the playing field or in the dugouts, nor will there be any alcoholic beverages permitted or allowed on park facilities or at practice sessions at any location.
7. **After each game, coaches and players are responsible for cleaning the dugout.**
8. Makeup games and postponements will be made by the board members only. Coaches are requested to provide as much advance notice as possible. **Coaches are not allowed to postpone games between each other!**

OGAA SOFTBALL BOARD MEMBERS RETAIN THE RIGHT TO CHANGE AND/OR MODIFY RULES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PARK AND IT'S PLAYERS.

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