

Riverfront 12U Softball Rules

1. Bases will be 60' apart. The pitchers mound will be 40' from home plate.
2. A team's entire roster will bat. Rosters will be exchanged prior to the game.
3. Dropped third strike will be used.
4. A base runner may not leave the base until the pitcher releases the ball.
5. Stealing is allowed.
6. Infield fly rule is in effect. (*Infield fly maybe called when there are runners on 1st and 2nd or the bases are loaded, with less than 2 outs, and an infield popup that can be caught with reasonable effort. This is an umpire call.*)
7. Bunting is allowed.
8. Players must slide or veer if there is a close play at a base.
9. A defensive player may not block a base unless she is in **possession** of the ball.
10. Outfielders MAY cover a bag to make an out.
11. Courtesy runners maybe used for a pitcher, catcher or injured player. The courtesy runner is the last player to make an out. If there are no outs in the current at bat then the courtesy runner will be the player who was the last to bat when the third out occurred in the previous inning.
12. Continuous walks are in effect. If the pitcher has the ball in the circle the runner may turn but she then must continue to 2nd base.
13. Games will be 6 innings in length. Games will be official after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is leading). If a game is called after 4 innings for weather or darkness, and the inning is not completed, the winner will be determined by score of the last completed inning. This is determined by the umpire.

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14. There will be a 7 run rule or 3 outs per inning. The last inning will have unlimited runs. Runs scored after the 7th run will count until play is dead (ball in the pitcher's hand inside the circle).
15. A 15 run mercy rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading).
16. 12" softballs with .47 cores, mid compression, either yellow or white will be used.
17. If a team does not have the minimum number of players after 20 minutes after the start time of the game that team must forfeit.
18. A new inning may not begin 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start of the game.