

Riverfront 15U Softball Rules

1. Bases will be 60' apart. The pitcher's mound will be 43' from home plate.
2. A team's entire roster will bat. Rosters will be exchanged prior to the game.
3. A team will use **9** players in the field.
4. Dropped third strike **will be** used.
5. A base runner may not leave the base until the pitcher **releases** the ball.
6. Stealing **is** allowed.
7. 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.*)
8. Bunting **is** allowed.
9. Players must slide or veer if there is a close play at the base.
10. 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 was made in the previous inning.
11. 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.
12. Games will be 7 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.
13. A 15 run mercy rule is in effect after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is leading).
14. 12" softballs with .47 cores, mid compression, either yellow or white will be used.
15. 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.
16. A new inning may not begin 2 hours after the start of the game.