

Rules for 2023 Fall season - Girls Softball Division

Girls Softball	8 U	9 U	10 U	11 U	12 U	14 U
Softball Size	11 " Hard	11 " Hard	11 " Hard	12 " Hard	12 " Hard	12 " Hard
Birth date cut-off	December 31st, 2015	December 31st, 2014	December 31st, 2013	December 31st, 2012	December 31st, 2011	December 31st, 2009
Because of the December 31st age rule, a player competing in the 14-year-old division may be 15 years old when competing. This occurs because the baseball season follows the age cutoff date. Players with a birthday in the early months of the year will be older than their age division during the softball season. A players age as of December 31st determines the age in which the player is eligible to play.						
Base Distance	55 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Batting Order	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Pitching Mound	30 feet	35 feet	35 feet	40 feet	40 feet	43 feet
Equipment	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage	Helmet with Cage
Innings	6	6	6	7	7	7
Official Game	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings	5 innings	5 innings	5 innings
Max runs per inning	6	6	6	6	6	8
Max runs per inning	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited	last inning unlimited
Slaughter Rule	10 runs / 4 innings	10 runs / 4 innings	10 runs / 4 innings	10 runs / 5 innings	10 runs / 5 innings	10 runs / 5 innings
Players on Field	10	10	10	9	9	9
position of 10th fielder	anywhere in fair territory	anywhere in fair territory	anywhere in fair territory			
Pitch - max Innings allowed	3	3	3	4	4	4
Pitcher re-entry (only starting pitcher)	once per game	once per game	once per game	once per game	once per game	once per game
Pitch - max hit batters per game	3	3	3	3	3	3
Pitching style	windmill	windmill	windmill	windmill	windmill	windmill
Bunting	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leadoffs / Runner Leave	No / cross plate	No / cross plate	No / cross plate	Yes /pitchers hand	Yes /pitchers hand	Yes /pitchers hand
Time Limit	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours	No inning starts after 2 hours
Stealing Bases	Not allowed	2nd & 3rd Only*	2nd & 3rd Only*	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Stealing Bases - max per inning	Not allowed	3 bases per inning	3 bases per inning	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited

*Stealing at 9u/10u- If a baserunner advances on an overthrow after the initial steal attempt, the additional base will count toward the 3 stolen bases per inning limit

A player who is 9 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 9U
 A player who is 10 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 10U
 A player who is 10 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 10U
 A player who is 11 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 10U
 A player who is 12 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 12U
 A player who is 14 years of age or under on December 31st 2022 , is eligible for the 14U

Any rules not listed above will comply with the Official Rules of Pony Softball