

## Bylaw 7 – Softball (Winter)

Official Rules: National Federation of High School Sports with the following exceptions:

1. Metal spikes are permitted.
2. Yellow leather optic balls will be used for all games, furnished by the home team.
3. Use 60' bases and 40' pitcher's rubber.
4. Adult coaches may occupy both base coaching boxes.
5. The game shall be six (6) innings. The umpire in charge shall use his/her own judgment about sufficient light for continuing a game. A complete game will be when four (4) complete innings are played. Each team must bat four (4) times unless the home team is ahead after 3 1/2 innings.
6. In the event of a suspended game (incomplete), the game may be completed at a later date to determine the winner.
7. There will be no more than ten (10) runs per team at bat per inning or three (3) outs. A game will be called if one team is leading by ten (10) runs at the end of four (4) innings. This will apply to both the regular season and tournament play.
8. No extra innings will be played during the regular season. In regular season games that result in a tie at the end of six innings, one additional inning will be played. If the additional inning ends in a tie, the game will result in a tie.
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10. If a team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) innings that game will be viewed as completed and the results final. If both coaches agree, the teams may play the final two (2) innings, for a total of six (6). This decision will be made strictly in the interest of providing additional playing time for players (athletes outside the starting lineup). No runs scored during these final two (2) innings will change the results of the contest.
11. In conference tournament play, extra innings will be played. If, in the event the game is still tied after extra innings and can not be completed that evening for whatever reason, the tournament director must be notified immediately. The tied teams should be prepared to

travel to the tournament site the next evening to complete the game. The tournament director will make the final decision regarding completion.

12. Players are permitted to wear personal helmets. Helmets must be inspected by coach and NOSCAE approved, as well as the appropriate forms filled out by parents.

13. Shall be unlimited substitution for teams on both offense and defense. The only restriction will be that a player must occupy the same batting position whenever in the batting order and the defensive substitution of pitchers.