

BYLAW 8: Girls Softball

The rules for girls softball shall be the current edition of the National Federation of High School Rules with the following exceptions:

1. Plastic/rubber cleats are preferred; however, metal cleats may be worn.
2. Each game shall be six (6) innings for both JV & Varsity teams. The umpire in charge shall use his/her own judgment about sufficient light for continuing a game.
3. A 12 - inch leather ball will be used for games, and the home team will furnish three balls for each game.
4. It is recommended to have two umpires for every game. The game may be played with only one official.
5. By mutual consent of both coaches, a team may bat all of their eligible players and defensively substitute freely, with the exception of the pitcher. The National Federation of High School Rules will apply to the substituting of the pitcher.
6. It is recommended for the bases to be 60 feet apart, with the pitcher's rubber 43 feet from home plate.
7. A team leading by fifteen (15) runs at any time is declared the winner. This includes tournament play. The current inning will be completed.
8. The coaches of each team shall make-out two lineup cards for each game: one for the opposing coach and the other for the umpire. These lineup cards shall be exchanged before the beginning of the game.
9. No new inning will begin 90 minutes from the start of the game -- this includes tournament play. The current inning will be finished.
10. In the first inning, when the visiting team bats, they are permitted to score a maximum of seven (7) runs before three (3) outs occur. When the home team bats in the bottom of the inning, they may continue to bat until they tie the current score plus an additional seven (7) runs or 3 outs occurs. No runners will count after the seventh run scores. Teams are limited to seven (7) runs per inning after reaching a tie score. In the bottom of the last inning, the home team only needs to score as many runs as needed to tie plus one (1) run to win.
11. During tournament play, a game may not end in a tie. Extra inning(s) shall be played until the tie is broken. Each team will begin the extra inning(s) with a runner on second base. The runner shall be the last out from the previous inning.
12. Adult coaches may occupy both base-coaching boxes. If a student athlete is occupying the coaching box, they must wear a batting helmet with ear protection.
13. If a coach is ejected from a tournament game, the game may continue with a district approved assistant coach.

14. Eight players are needed to start and finish a game.
15. Student athletes may not wear jewelry.