

**BYLAW 8: GIRLS SOFTBALL**

- A. All players must wear school-issued batting helmets.
- B. Games will be five (5) innings (both 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades).
- C. A leather ball will be used for games, furnished by the home team.
- D. Use 60 feet bases. 36 feet pitchers rubber for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Pitcher rubber distance is 40 feet for 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- E. Adult coaches may occupy both base coaching boxes.
- F. A team may use a 10<sup>th</sup> player as the AH only if agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the game.
- G. The game may be five (5) innings. The umpire in charge shall use his 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. No new inning will begin after one (1) hour and forty-five minutes from the beginning of the game. Extra-inning tiebreakers will not be played during regular season games.
- H. 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.
- I. In conference tournament play when the game is tied and over the one hour (1) and forty-five (45) minutes limit, extra innings will be played. If, in the event the game was still tied after extra innings and could 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.  
**PARTICIPATING TOURNAMENT TEAMS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY TWO (2) GAME BALLS TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**