

2019 GIRLS 14-18 SOFTBALL RULES
2019 NSA RULES APPLY EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Coaches remember that this is a recreation league. **YOU** are responsible for exhibiting good sportsmanship. You are also responsible for your coaches, players **and** fans.
2. All players will bat in the lineup.
3. All players will play defensively every other inning. (No player to sit out consecutive innings)
4. Pitching distance is 43 feet.
5. Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour & 30 minutes. Ties to be played off if time allows. Tie games will count in the standings. **FINISH** the inning. **NO** new inning will begin at or after 1 hour and 30 minutes. Game times is ***FORFEIT*** time.
6. Drop dead time of 1 hour and 45 minutes. We do not finish the inning. In case of drop dead, and inning is not completed, we will revert to the last completed inning score. However, if the home team is ahead at the end of playing time, then home team wins.
7. You must be able to field 7 players at game time or forfeit will result.
8. Free defensive substitutions are allowed for **ALL** players regardless of position.
9. The 5-up rule is in effect. You are allowed 5 runs in the first inning, after that you can score 5 runs plus however many runs you are behind from the last half inning. The home team is responsible for letting the umpires know when the 5 runs have been reached.
10. Both coaches must sign the umpires' card at the end of the game. Home team is responsible for the official scorebook. At the end of the game the score card is then turned into UIC.
11. Player who throws a bat for a second time will be an automatic out. (This results in a dead ball)
12. Run rule in effect. 12 runs after 5 innings.
13. Outfielders must play on the grass or at least 15 feet behind the base line.
14. Shoes will be worn, **NO** open toes shoes. Coaches and players.
15. There will be 10 players with 4 outfielders in the outfield.
16. Helmets **with** facemasks will be worn when leaving the dugout and anytime while on the field by batters, runners and on deck batters
17. **NO** metal cleats.
18. Head first sliding **is not** allowed.