



Beaver City
4th-6th Grade Softball Rules and Regulations

Rules include the following:

1. Home team will provide the official bookkeeper for that game. So be prepared at each game to have a bookkeeper.
2. Teams will flip a coin for the home team.
3. Free substitution.
4. Teams are allowed to and encouraged to bat all players.
5. Game ends if a team is 15 runs ahead after the 3rd, 10 runs after the 4th, and 9 runs after the 5th.
6. **Pitching Rules:** Babe Ruth Softball, Amateur Softball Association (ASA), Little League Girls Softball, and Girls high school pitching styles will all be acceptable. No limit on innings pitched for 10U, 12U, and 14U.
7. 12-inch softball for 12u and 14U. 40' pitching distance for 12U teams, 43' for 14U teams.
8. Speed-up runner/courtesy runners will be allowed for pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be someone not currently in the game or if the team has no players on the bench, the last out. A courtesy runner may only run one time per inning; a substitute player can only run for the pitcher position or catcher position, not both.

9. In the 12U division there will be a maximum of 6 runs per team per inning allowed. After 6 runs, teams will change from offense to defense. If additional runs score after the 6th run, all additional runs will count until play for that batter is complete.

10. Anyone warming up a pitcher at any location shall wear a mask. A throat protector is considered part of the catcher's mask.

11. All games will be 6 innings for 10U and 12U and 7 innings for 14U. **No new inning after and 1 hour and 15 minutes.** The home team has last at-bats. In case of inclement weather, four innings or one hour will constitute a full game.

12. We will enforce an avoid contact or must slide rule at all bases. A malicious contact-runner will be ejected. It is the discretion of the umpire if the runner is trying to avoid contact or a collision. This is a judgment call by Umpire. Not open to discussion or protest.

13. A must slide rule will be in effect when an infielder is attempting to turn a double-play at third and second base. If the runner is not close enough to merit a slide, he must peel away from the baseline. The runner will be called out only if her not sliding or peeling away affects the defensive play. The runner may also be called out or ejected for a malicious slide into any base. This is a judgment call by Umpire.

14. Games can end in a tie there will not be extra innings.

If other rules come into question and are not listed here, we will follow the 2021 High School Softball Rules.

15. End of game – Remove garbage from the dugout and clear the dugout in a timely manner. Hold post-game discussions outside of the field.

We expect professionalism/ sportsmanship from Coaches and players at all times on the field. Please have respect for coaches, Umpires, and Players.

HAVE FUN!!!!