

# WCSA Softball Rules

## 12U & 14U Softball

WCSA softball is not currently affiliated with any organization (i.e. Little League, ASA, etc.). However, ASA rules will serve as the primary set of rules for WCSA softball except as modified herein. If no modification to the applicable rule is incorporated, the ASA rules will prevail.

**1. Max Roster Size:** 13 Maximum

**2. Age Verification:** All players on a team must be registered within the age boundaries of the division they are playing for as of January 1 of that year.

**3. Season Format:** Per schedule.

A. Teams may interleague and travel to other parks.

**4. Pitching Distance:**

A. 12U @ 40 feet.

B. 14U @ 43 feet

C. Any combined 12U & 14U games will defer to 12U rules.

**5. Softballs:** 12-inch softball ASA approved .47 core ball

**6. Coaching Staff:** 1 manager and 2 coaches allowed regardless of number of players.

**7. Mandatory Play:** Minimum of 1 at bat and 6 consecutive defensive outs

**8. Time Limits:**

A. 12U Games 6 innings or 1:30 minutes and finishing the inning.

B. 14U Games 6 innings or 1:30 minutes and finishing the inning.

**\*\*\*Games will be required to play minimum of 4 innings for regulation game or time limit takes effect.\*\*\***

**9. Pitching Innings:** No restrictions.

**10. Run Limit:**

A. 5 runs per ½ inning.

B. Any combined 12U & 14U games will defer to 12U rules, excluding pitching distances.

**11. Mercy Rule:**

A. 12U 10 run's after 4 innings.

B. 14U 10 run's after 5 innings.

C. Any combined 12U & 14U games will defer to 12U rules.

**12. Pitcher returning to mound:** A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as she was removed.

**13. Fielders Facemask:**

- A. 12U & 14U required for pitchers.
- B. Catcher's must wear shin guards, full catcher's mask and chest protector.
- C. Fielders must wear fielder's mask for infield.

**14. Batting Order:** Bat only those playing defensive positions.

**15. Players Re-enter:** Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game.

**16. Conferences:**

A. Defensive: Two in an inning, Pitchers are allowed three in a game; the pitcher must be removed from the circle on the forth visit. Each pitcher has her own "count" of visits, which resumes if pitcher returns to circle.

B. Offensive: Two per inning. Courtesy runner not charged.

**17. Dropped 3rd Strike rule:** Batter's may run on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.

**18. Base Stealing:** Runner may leave when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Home plate is open (you may steal).

**19. Overthrows:** Bases are not limited on overthrows.

**20. Sliding:** A player must slide at home plate if a play is being made. This is an Umpires judgement call. NO head first sliding unless returning to a bag.

**21. On Deck Batters:** NOT ALLOWED. Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings.

**22. Infield Fly Rule:** In effect.

**23. Courtesy Runner:** A courtesy runner can be used with two (2) outs for the catcher. The courtesy runner must be the last recorded out.

**24. Replacement Player:** If a replacement player (pool) is needed they must play the outfield and bat last. Pool players cannot play in consecutive games for the same team.

**25. Throwing the bat:** A player who throws a bat will be personally warned, the first time by the Umpire, any time after that warning she will be called out. This is Umpire's judgement call.

**26. Bat rule:** Bat must be marked Official Softball Fast Pitch by the manufacture and not be more than 2 ¼" in diameter. The bat must bear an ASA certified stamp.

**27. Cleats:**

- A. 12U NO metal cleats.
- B. 14U Metal cleats are optional.
- C. Any combined 12U & 14U games will defer to 12U rules.

**28. Jewelry:** All players are prohibited from wearing jewelry during the playing of any game.

**29. Disruptive Behavior:** WCSA will not tolerate any fighting or disruptive behavior by anyone (players, parents, managers, and fans) during any WCSA sponsored activity at ANY playing Field. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES.** Any violator not leaving voluntarily will be escorted away by local enforcement authorities and banned from all future involvement in WCSA activities.

**30. Weather delays:** In the event of inclement weather, or delays beyond our control, cancellations will be posted on social media (Facebook etc.). All attempts will be made to rescheduled games if season permits.

**31. Team Responsibility's:**

A. Home Team is responsible for furnishing the official scorekeeper, returning the official book to the equipment room, prepping and marking the field before the game and cleaning the dugout/stands after the game.

B. Visiting Team is responsible for operating the scoreboard, returning the control box back to the equipment room, racking the field after the game, and cleaning the dugout/stands after the game.

C. Managers are to ensure that this gets done. First violation will be a warning. Second will be a one game suspension for the manager.