

Irish Flats Fall Softball Recreation League

10U Division Rules

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Home team coach- please offer a copy of these rules to the plate umpire before the game begins.

This age group was established to be fundamental and instructional. The main goal is to teach the girls how the sport is played and to keep their interest.

Age: Teams shall consist of girls as defined by the 10U ASA classification: A player who is 10 years of age or under January 1 of the current year.

The 11" Dudley yellow raised seam day/night softball is the official game ball.

1. Default Rules- the ASA official rules of girls fast pitch softball shall apply to the general features of the game, except where amended by these rules.
2. Stealing is allowed upon the release of the ball (1 base only);
 - a. Exception – if a coach is pitching, stealing is not permitted
 - b. Exception - stealing of home is NOT permitted
3. Mercy rule (15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5) will be in effect (follow ASA).
4. Bases are set at 60' and the pitcher's mound is at 35'.
5. All games are 6 innings or 2 hours long. The inning started prior to the 2-hour time limit must be played out unless the umpire calls the game or the run ahead rule applies. Score will revert back to the last full inning (official game applies). Four full innings constitute an official game, should the game be called by the umpire.
 - a. Clarification: A game called by the umpire shall be regulation if 4 or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in 3 or more innings than the other team has scored in 4 or more innings. Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the exact point where they were stopped.
6. Only 6 runs will be allowed per inning per team (or 3 outs constitutes ½ inning).
7. NO dropped third strike
8. The infield fly rule is NOT in effect.
9. With an overthrow into foul territory, a runner may advance one base maximum. With an overthrow into fair territory a runner has no limits. *On any attempt from an infielder to throw the ball to the pitcher, all runners must stop.* If the runner is halfway, she may continue unless out. If she is not yet halfway, she must return to the previous base.

10. All players must be listed in the batting order on the score sheet and must bat in this order throughout the game. If a player arrives late, she must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. If a player must leave (or arrives late to) a game for any reason, there will be no penalty against her team. Any changes must be reported by both coaches.
 - a. Clarification: If a player leaves a game before its completion (injury or illness), her spot in the batting order will be eliminated only if she cannot return by the time of her next at bat and this will not constitute an “out” violation. The player may continue in the game if her batting order spot is not eliminated.
11. All players must participate in at least 2 complete innings per game on defense.
12. No bunting in any game situations.
13. The defensive team may play 9 or 10 players, but the 10th player must be in the outfield. All outfielders must be positioned on the same arc. No short fielder position. A team must have at least 8 players present to start the game. If players arrive late, they must fill the void position for that inning.
14. Players may play any position; however the players cannot be repositioned during an inning, except for injury or the change of pitchers.
15. When lining the field, a 16’ circle (8’radius) around the pitching rubber must be included. The pitcher must stay in this area in order to receive the throw from *an infielder* that will stop the play.
16. Pitching:
 - a. No walks allowed; a coach will pitch after 4 balls (batter will put ball in play or strike out)
 - b. Both feet must be in contact with the pitching rubber
 - c. 1 pitch constitutes an inning
 - d. A player may only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game.
 - e. There is no limited substitution in the pitching position
 - f. If the same pitcher hits 2 batters in the same inning, this pitcher must be replaced with a new pitcher (however she can pitch in a following inning)
17. All player, coaches, and spectators must show respect and sportsmanship at all times.
18. The Recreation Department is responsible for canceling games at least 1 hour before game time, if possible.
 - a. If a game turns into a forfeit, the forfeiting team will pay the umpire fee.
 - b. Teams are responsible for getting at least 9 players to field on time.