

Irish Flats Fall Softball Recreation League

12U Division Rules

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

Age: Teams shall consist of girls as defined by the 12 & under ASA classification: A player who is 12 years of age or under on January 1 of the current year.

The 12" 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. **Mercy rule** (15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5) will be in effect.
3. **Bases** are set at 60' and the **pitcher's mound** is at 40'.
4. A 6 run limit per inning is in effect.
5. Base stealing is permit on the release of the ball.
6. All games are **7 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.
7. 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. If players arrive late, they must fill the void position for that inning.
8. All players must participate in at least **2 complete innings** per game on defense.
9. A pitcher may pitch **only 4 innings** per game. One pitch constitutes an inning for a Pitcher.
10. If a **pitcher hits 4 batters** within a game, she must be removed from the pitcher's position, *as long as, in the umpire's opinion, the batter has made every effort to avoid the ball.*
11. 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.
12. All player, coaches, and spectators must show respect and sportsmanship at all times.
13. Recreation Department is responsible for canceling games at least 1 hour before game time, if feasible.
 - a. If a game turns into a forfeit, **forfeiting team MUST** pay the umpire fee.
 - b. Teams are responsible for getting at least 9 players to field on time.