

# NPYL Girl's Softball Rules

(12 and under)

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The governing rules of play will be the current officially recognized Babe Ruth Softball rules with the following exceptions:

1. Teams will consist of a maximum of 12 allowed. The infield will consist of 6 players with 4 players assuming defensive position on the outfield grass. The batting order will consist of all team members.
2. Each player on the official team roster will play a minimum of 3 defensive innings (9 outs) unless:
  - A. A game is called by the umpire.
  - B. A player arrives late, or elects to leave early.
  - C. A player is injured or becomes ill
  - D. A player is under disciplinary action. The opposing Coach and the umpire must be notified before the start of the game.
3. No limit on the number of innings pitched per game for pitchers. However, if a Pitcher pitches over 3 innings in one game, she will not be eligible to pitch in the Team's next game. Exception: After a game goes into extra innings each Pitcher will be allowed to pitch one additional inning without penalty. One pitch to a batter in an inning constitutes a complete inning. This applies to rainouts, regular season, and post-season tournament games. Also, a minimum of 2 complete innings (six defensive outs) must be pitched by a junior aged pitcher and a senior aged pitcher/or a different junior aged pitcher each game. This must be accomplished by the end of the fourth inning. In the event a pitcher is relieved within the first 4 innings a third pitcher may be required. Ex-- Pitcher A (a senior) pitches 2 outs in the First inning and is relieved by Pitcher B(a junior). Pitcher B pitches all 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. Pitcher A pitches the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Neither can pitch in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning and Pitcher C would have to be used. Pitcher C would also have to be a junior pitcher. This applies to rain outs, regular season, and post season tournaments.
4. Six innings will constitute a regulation game (BRS Rule 0.02 Part 7). Offensive half of inning will continue until three outs are made or until 6 runs are scored by the offensive team. A 7 run rule after 5 innings or a 13 run rule after 4 innings will be in effect.
5. Base runners may steal or advance to any base including home plate. Base runners may not leave their base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A runner will be called out for leaving too soon. No warning will be given.
6. The "Dropped third strike" rule will be employed.
7. The "Infield fly" rule will be employed.
8. All defensive substitutes must be entered into the game at or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning as long as minimum playing time and pitching rules are not violated, free defensive substitutions are allowed.
9. The pitching distance from home plate is 40 feet measured from home plate point that is nearest the catcher to the front edge of the pitching rubber.