

Jefferson Girls Softball

10u (Minors) Supplement Rules

The latest edition of the official Babe Ruth Softball Rules shall prevail, unless specifically altered in this supplement.

1. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start and finish the game, 10 players in the field including a short fielder. (There will be no forfeits this year due to small team numbers)
2. Outfielders must position themselves on the grass, a short fielder may be positioned as a fourth outfielder or directly behind second base on the grass.
3. **In-Field and Out-Field positions must be rotated every inning. You may not keep the same In-Field throughout the whole game.**
4. All games are to start on time, as scheduled. A 15 minute grace period will be allowed, after which the team causing the delay will forfeit.
5. Length of game will be either 6 innings or 2 hours. No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. The time length of the game is officially determined by the umpire. (Suggestion: Both coaches along with the umpire should make note of the game start time so there are no discrepancies)
6. All games will be played as scheduled by the League Director, and no changes shall be made without prior approval of the Division Director.
7. In case of inclement weather, unless called by the coach, players must report to the field for a decision by the umpire.
8. All rainouts and rescheduled games will be played on the next open day. In the absence of the League Director, the two head coaches may agree upon a rain out. Once a game begins, the umpire alone may call the game.
9. If water is on the infield, no play shall be allowed. No one will sweep clay on or off the field to correct the water problem. A Red Flag will be posted on fields by Jefferson Township due to wet conditions. Do not enter a field area which has been Red Flagged.
10. A game must be immediately stopped at the first sign of lightening or sound of thunder. Play will resume if no lightning or thunder occurs in 30 minutes.
11. The home team shall provide the umpire with 2 11" softballs.
12. All players shall be placed in the batting order. A player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the order after the umpire and opposing coach has been notified. With this sole exception, the batting order may not change during the game.
13. If a player must leave a game early, her name is removed from the batting order and play continues. No penalty is issued. It is the responsibility of the coach to notify the other team of the change.

14. Under no circumstances may a position in the batting order become an automatic out.
15. No player is to sit on the bench for more than 1 inning of play, unless injured, and the umpire notified of the injury. Players may sit out more than 1 inning, but never 2 consecutive innings.
16. An inning at bat will end when either 3 outs are made or when the 10th batter has batted. There will be a warning issued if in the umpire's judgment the last batter is being intentionally walked, this may lead to the ejection of the manager.
17. Batters are not to warm up by swinging a bat. A team warning will be issued for any bat thrown after a batted ball, an out will be called for thrown bats there after.
18. Fielders may be freely substituted at the start of each inning. This rule does not apply to the pitcher. Pitchers cannot pitch more than 10 innings in 2 consecutive games.
18. A pitcher may not go back in as pitcher during same game.
19. The coach is allowed 2 trips to the mound per inning, but the pitcher must be removed at the 2nd trip.
20. Bases will be at a distance of 60ft and pitching will be from 35ft.
21. If a team is leading by 10 runs or greater after 4 innings of play, or if the home team favors after 3.5 innings, the game will be called in favor of the winning team.
22. Runners are only allowed to steal 3rd from 2nd and may only leave the base once the ball crosses the plate. The runner is **not allowed** to go home on an overthrow from the catcher.
23. If there is a play on a runner at any base and the fielder has the ball and is waiting to make a tag, the runner may slide, but must attempt to avoid contact with the fielder, otherwise the runner is out. This will be an umpire's judgment call. Note: There is no "Must Slide" Rule.
24. It is the Coach's responsibility to make sure the parents of their team do not get out of control. The umpire has the right to kick anyone off the field due to misconduct. If there is an issue that the umpire cannot control, the coach of the team whose parents or spectators were the problem will receive a warning from the Softball Board and must deal with the problem even if it means prohibiting a parent from coming to the games.
25. Final scores of games must be reported to the League Director as soon as possible.
26. No field or batting cages may be used by any team during any time other than their scheduled time. If you are on a field or at the batting cages and it is not your scheduled time, you must leave if another team shows up and was scheduled to be there at that time.
27. Coaches are responsible for all equipment and must make sure that equipment is put away at the end of their scheduled time at the fields and batting cages.