



Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball 12U and UP Division Rules



All USA Softball of Southern California Rules are in effect with approved League Division Rules listed below. League Rules supersede USA Softball Rules. Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball and its Board of Directors at its sole discretion may add or remove League Division Rules as it deems necessary in the best interest of the league and division.

Playing Rules

1. Protest allowed. Must be in writing and a \$50 protest fee, Must sight the USA Softball rule and turned into your division rep. **No Protest during Fall Ball**
2. A game called for any reason will be determined a regulation game after four (4) complete innings. The Umpire or Division rep must approve a stoppage of the game. Abuse by coaches or managers of this rule will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball Board of Directors "Disciplinary Committee".
3. Round robin batting will apply. (All Players will bat and be listed on the team's batting lineup cards)
4. All players on the roster, both offensive and defensive, must play half the game.
5. Defensive substitutions will be made after two (2) full innings or 45 minutes, whichever comes first. Defensive players may alternate innings in order to accomplish the 50% rule. The Board of Directors will be monitoring playing time given to each player.
6. "Defensive Change Rule" in effect:
After the 5th run is scored in any one (1) inning, the team at bat shall take the field. There will be no lasting inning where an unlimited number of runs can be scored.
7. USA Softball In-field Fly rule in effect
8. USA Softball Dropped third strike in effect
9. USA Softball Rules for stealing bases will dictate. All bases are open.
10. Play stops when the hit ball is in possession of the pitcher and the pitcher is in the pitching circle. Batter/runner takes achieved base.
11. Sliding should be encouraged. (Per USA Softball Sliding Rules)
12. Score Keeping - Home Team is responsible for keeping the Official scorebook (provided by League)
13. Line up cards must be exchanged and presented to the opposing team manager and umpire ten (10) minutes prior to the start of game.

14. **Game Duration:** (1) hour (20) minutes no new inning, with a finish the inning stipulation. Umpire is the official timekeeper.

“Finish the Inning” if the home team can Win or Tie game finish the inning even if it goes past (1) hour (30) minutes.

***During the last inning, if the game cannot be won by the currently trailing team (Home or Away) because of the (5) Run “Defensive Change Rule” game will end at (1) hour and (30) minute time limit. Score at the time limit is the recorded score. ***

** Example: Time is at (1) Hour (15) minutes and the new inning starts. Home team has (4) runs and Away team has (5) runs. Away team scores (5) runs in top of inning, Home team is at bat and scored (2) runs with no outs and runners on base, game reaches (1) hour (30) minute, the game ends at time limit. Home team could not have won the game, because of the “Defensive Change Rule”. Score reported Away (10) Home (6). **

15. **NO Revert Back Rule**

16. **Mound visits:** One (1) Offense trip onto the field per inning; Three (3) Defense trips per 7 innings; the 4th and or any subsequent trip will result in a pitching change.

17. **Courtesy runner:** (The last out) for the pitcher or catcher is allowed.

18. **Time between innings:** 2 minutes between innings or 5 warm up pitches whichever comes first. First Inning umpire will allow additional pitches to warm up.

Field Rules

1. The pitching rubber measurement is made from the back of home plate (point) to the front of the pitching rubber. 12U distance is (40) feet. 14U distance is (43) feet. (If Divisions are combined the pitching distance shall be set at 40')
2. Bases are spaced at 60 feet.
3. No more than (9) players will be allowed on the field at a time (No 10th Player “Rover”).
4. Each team must have a minimum of Eight (8) players to start a regulation game. If you have 7 players for a game, you can forfeit, OR pick up 1 additional player to make 8. Your 8th player must play in the outfield and bat last. You must give the name of your 8th player to the opposing manager and umpire PRIOR to the start of your game. Your missing 9th player will NOT be considered an out when your team is batting. If you have 7 players or less for your game, you will take the LOSS for the scorebook and standings; HOWEVER, you can still play the game (since the umpire and other team is there) but it will be treated like a scrimmage.
5. No coaches or managers on defense are allowed on the playing field.

Safety Rules

1. All teams will use the twelve (12”) inch leather ball.
2. All batters, base runners, and those in the batting circle shall wear batting helmets with facemask and chin straps
3. All catchers will wear facemasks, chest protectors, and leg guards when behind home plate and when warming up a pitcher.
4. No player shall start a defensive position closer than the distance of the pitching rubber.
5. **NO JEWELRY** of any kind or hard hair barrettes shall be allowed. See “All Division Rules” for rules regarding piercings.

Coaches and managers should remind their parents of the importance of good sportsmanship. These are little girls just beginning to play team sports and we want their experience to be as fun and instructional as possible.

In the USA Softball of Southern California guide and playing rules it states: “Players, coaches, managers, or other team members will not make disparaging insulting remarks about opposing players, officials, or spectators or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.”

HAVE A GOOD SEASON AND HAVE FUN PLAYING BALL!!!!

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