



## Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball Short Hand Rule

The purpose and spirit of this rule is for teams to be able to play games when circumstances leave a team with less than (8) players to start a game and allow short-handed teams the temporary use of other league players rather than forfeit the game.

This rule is not intended to be used as a tool to exclude regular team members in favor of more highly skilled players.

Guest players may only be used to help a team reach the number of players that are allowed in the field when playing defense.

### Guidelines

- The guest players are currently registered with Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball and are in the same or younger age group.
- The guest players play with the permission of their parents and regular coach.
- The coach must announce and identify the guest players to the umpires and opposing coach prior to the start of each game.
- The guest players wear their regular uniforms.
- The guest players must bat last in the batting order.
- The guest players play outfield positions only.
- The guest players may not play if (9) regular roster player is present and available to play by game time, giving the team (10).
- The guest players may continue to play if the game is started and the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) player shows up to play before the guest player bats. Regular team player is to bat before guest player. (must inform scorekeepers of player showing up.)

**Except under extreme circumstances the "Short Hand Rule" stated above is to be followed.**

**Penalty for not following the above rule will be an automatic **forfeit** of the played game.**

If an extreme circumstance arises the coach is to contact the division representative for their respected division. Division representative will bring the issue to the Yucaipa Calimesa Girls Softball Board of Directors for approval. **(Do not wait until game time to bring up issue as it may not get approved)**