

GIRLS 10U SOFTBALL
(D.R.B.L.)
Rules

Game Rules: Michigan High School Athletics Association rules apply when not covered by the following.

1. Games will start at 6:15pm.
2. Age of participants: A player may not turn 11 before January 1st.
3. Each player must have a current medical form signed by her parent/guardian.
4. Field specifications: Bases are 60' apart. Pitcher's rubber is 35' from the point of home plate.
5. The game will be played with a 11' softball.
6. The home plate umpire and the coaches from both teams must cover the ground rules for specific fields before each game.
7. Games will consist of 5 innings in length. No new inning may be started after 1½ hours of play. Games may end in a tie. If a game has gone through 5 innings and is a tie, the international tie-breaking rule will be used. When your team bats, the person who made the last out of the previous inning will start on 2nd base. The game is played until someone wins or the game time expires.
8. Each inning shall consist of 3 outs or 5 runs. If a team is behind, they are allowed to tie the score and score 5 additional runs. The 5th inning or last full inning shall not have a run limit.
9. The mercy rule will be used. 10 runs after 4 inning of play or 3½ if the home team is ahead.
10. Only one umpire is required.
11. Appeal plays will not be used. The umpire will make the decisions on missed bases, leaving the base early, etc.
12. **NO QUESTIONING THE UMPIRE'S CALLS.**
13. Each team must play a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 10 players defensively using 4 outfielders, or the game will be considered a forfeit.
14. Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings per game defensively. Coaches should make an effort to ensure that each player plays at least 2 entire games.
15. Teams will rotate player's positions during the game.
16. A continuous batting order shall be used at all times throughout the game.
17. Free substitution may be used for defensive positions.
18. While on the field of play, the offensive team must wear a batting helmet at all times.
19. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher only, at any time after the catcher-batter reaches base safely. A courtesy runner must be used for the catcher if there are 2 outs in the inning. This will allow the catcher time to put on the catching equipment and keep the game moving along. The courtesy runner shall be a player not currently playing in the field. If all players in the lineup are being used in the field, the courtesy runner shall be the player who made the last out in the order.
20. There is no infield fly rule.
21. No intentional walks.
22. Running on a dropped third strike is prohibited.
23. Any fair fly ball deflected by a player over the fair outfield fence will be ruled a home run.
24. Runners may advance at their own risk on an overthrow in the field. If the ball goes out of play, the base runner is awarded one additional base.
25. When the outfielder's throw breaks the plane of the infield, the runner must complete the base they are running to and stop.

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26. Stealing of 1 base at a time is allowed. No advancing on overthrows. A base runner may leave the base at their own risk the moment the pitched ball crosses home plate. The moment shall be at the discretion of the umpire. No advancing home on a stolen base or wild pitch.
27. Base runners must slide or avoid contact with the fielder if a play is being made at that base. If the player does not slide, they will be called out. This is at the umpire's discretion.
28. The pitcher can use the windmill or modified version (slingshot) to deliver the ball. Once the pitcher is replaced by another pitcher, she is ineligible to pitch the remainder of the game. She may play any other position providing the free substitution rules are followed.
29. Pitchers are limited to a maximum of 7 warm-up pitches at the start of the game, or if they enter the position during an inning. Pitchers are limited to 5 warm-up pitches between innings. Coaches are to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready.
30. If a pitcher hits 3 batters or walks 4 consecutive batters during the game the pitcher may be replaced by a coach, but does not have to leave the game. A pitcher that had to be replaced by the coach may be brought back in after the completion of the inning they were removed.
31. No balks will be called in this league. Coaches are still encouraged to point out the mistake to the pitcher.