



Putnam County Parks & Recreation U14 Girls Softball Rules

- **BASE DISTANCE:** 60'
- **PITCHING DISTANCE:** 40'
- **BALL SIZE:** 12" Yellow ball
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1 hour & 45 minutes or 7 innings

PITCHING

1. A player pitcher will pitch to each batter.
2. The batter will receive first base if hit by a pitched ball from the player pitcher.
3. No player may pitch more than 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning.
4. Once a pitcher is removed from pitching, she cannot return as a pitcher in that game.

BATTING

1. Every player present will be in the line-up.
2. An inning will be called when there are 3 outs or the 5th run crosses home plate.
3. Bunting is allowed
4. Batting helmets are required

RUNNING

1. Stealing of all bases is allowed. Runners may leave the base when the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Players detected leaving early will be called out.
2. Dropped 3rd Strike: Batters may advance to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike as provided for in the rules: (1) first base is unoccupied or (2) there are two outs. A batter forfeits the opportunity to advance after entering the dugout or any other dead ball area. 3. The batter may advance at her own risk on an overthrow at any base.

SLIDING

1. On close plays at 2nd base, 3rd base or home plate, the runner is required to slide or to avoid collision with a defensive player who has the ball while located within the batter's box area or within the vicinity of another base.
2. If a contact is made and the runner did not slide, the umpire shall call the runner out for offensive interference.
3. The runner has the primary responsibility to avoid a collision with the defensive player.
4. No head first sliding is allowed. Players should be taught and encouraged to slide properly.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Infield fly rule will be effect.
2. During the regular season, if a game is tied after regulation, only one (1) extra inning will be played. If after one extra inning, teams are still tied the game will end in a tie.
3. Teams may field 9 players, six in the infield and three in the outfield (all outfielders MUST play in the grass. Outfielders will not be permitted to make a play in the infield)
4. Each player must play in the field a minimum of 2 innings and must not sit the bench more than 2 consecutive innings.
5. Free defensive substitution of all players is allowed.
6. Play Stoppage: Play stops when the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle area, approximately an 8-foot circle centered by the pitcher's plate.
7. PCPRD will attempt to accommodate all teams with size appropriate catchers gear
8. Teams are responsible for neat and orderly appearance of the dugout during games and practices. Teams are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugouts after use.
9. PCPRD will attempt to supply, to coaches, all needed equipment for a successful season. Bats, Helmets, Catchers gear, First aid kits, ice packs & a rule sheet are standard issue.