

2019 Softball Rules Sheet

10u – 18u Events

NFHS RULES apply with the following exceptions & clarifications



FIELD DIMENSIONS:

Ages 10U:	35 ft Mound / 60 ft Bases
Ages 12U:	40 ft Mound / 60 ft Bases
Ages 14U-18U:	43 ft Mound / 60 ft Bases

GAME LENGTH:

7 Inning Games -- **Subject to: 1 Hour 15 Minute Time Limit**

Once time hits you can finish that inning completely but no new inning can begin. A new inning begins when the 3rd out in the bottom half of an inning is made. *If time hits in the bottom half, and Home Team is winning, complete the current at bat then game is over. **We play until time hits!**

HOME / VISITOR DESIGNATION:

Pool Play: Home & Visitors will be pre-determined by tournament director.

Championship / Consolation: Higher Seed will be Home Team. If same seeds are playing then teams will flip for home/visitor.

RUN RULES (MERCY RULE)

12 Run Rule after 3 innings, 10 Run Rule after 4 innings, 8 Run Rule after 5 Innings

All Games: Pool Play and Championship/Consolation Rounds

PITCHING RULES

The Hoosier Classics do not have a mandatory pitching limit. Coaches are responsible for player safety!

COURTESY RUNNERS

Courtesy runners for Pitchers & Catchers anytime. Mandatory for Catchers with 2 outs.

Courtesy Runners need to be any player currently not in the game. If teams do not have any bench players then they may designate the last batter to be out as the courtesy runner.

The same player may serve as the Courtesy Runner multiple times

OFFENSIVE LINE-UP OPTIONS

Continuous Batting Order – Optional

Designated Hitter - Optional

Extra Hitter - Optional

Coaches simply need to clarify offensive lineup with Umpires and Opposing Coach **prior** to the start of the game. Offensively players **MUST** stay in their original offensive spot in the line-up.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Free Substitution for both starters and substitute's players in regards to entry and re-entry into the game. Offensively players **MUST** stay in their original offensive spot in the line-up.

If a team is batting a Continuous Order or has no remaining Subs and an injury or ejection occurs the spot in the batting order will be declared an out.

BAT RESTRICTIONS:

Ages 10U - 18U: All ASA, USSSA, & NSA bats are all legal

TIE BREAKER RULES:

Teams with overall best record will be placed in highest seed. For seeding purposes the following tie breakers rules will be used in order.

- 1.) Most Wins
- 2.) Fewest Losses
- 3.) Two Way Tie: Head to Head
- 4.) Three / Four Way Tie: Head to Head
- 5.) Fewest Runs Allowed in All of Pool Play
- 6.) Most Runs Scored in All of Pool Play
- 7.) Coin Flip

*Tie Breakers will go down the list, in order

*Ties are legal in Pool Play



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