

Trussville Girls Softball Association

12U Park Rules

General Rules	The most recent rules from the USA Softball apply, except as indicated below.
Pitching	Players pitch from 40 feet.
Pitching Limits	No pitching limits in 12U recreation league.
Batting	May Bat Entire Roster. If a team has less than 9 players, an out is <u>not</u> taken for the missing player.
Players in Field	Max. number of players in the field is 9, unless coaches agree to play 10
Bunting	Bunting is allowed per recreation league sanctioning body rules.
Slap Hitting	Slap hitting is allowed. As with any swing, the player must remain in the box and swing at the ball.
Overthrow Rule	No overthrow rules. Runners advance at will.
Infield Fly Rule	Infield fly rule applies.
Stealing	Stealing is allowed. Players can steal multiple bases. Players can steal home.
Base Running	Runners can leave the base when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
Dropped Third Strike	A third strike (in flight) is not caught <u>is an out</u> , provided a runner occupies first base at the time of the pitch and there are less than two outs. If there are two outs or if no runner occupies first base, the batter <u>is not out</u> unless the third strike is caught. The batter is entitled to try to reach first base before being tagged out or thrown out.
Throwing	No deliberate rolling of the ball is allowed (overhand or underhand).
Field Setup	The 8' radius pitching circle is centered at 40 feet from the back point of home plate. Bases are at 60'.
Games	All games will be played as long as each team has a minimum of 6 players present. Games may only be rescheduled for school events and weather-related cancellations with the concurrence of both coaches and the Recreation Leagues Director. Time limit is 75 minutes. Innings will be completed when time runs out. Game is complete after 7 innings.
Runs Per Inning	Maximum runs per inning is 7.
Mercy Rule	12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.
Tie Breakers	If the game is a tie at end of regulation, international Tiebreaker inning will be played until a winner is declared.
Practices	Prior to the first week of games – Spring season: 3 practices per week maximum. Fall season: 2 practice per week maximum. After games begin – Spring season: 2 practices per week maximum. Fall season: 1 practice per week maximum.
Borrowed Players	Note: any borrowed player proposal must be discussed with Rec League Director and Opposing Coach as soon as possible prior to game. Unless not possible, the other coach and Rec League Director need to have text/email conversation about the borrowed player at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. A borrowed player must bat last and play in the outfield. In the case of more than one borrowed players, all borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat in the last positions in the lineup. A borrowed player must be from the same or later round in the draft as the player for which she is a substitute, unless other coach permits otherwise. If a team has 9 players, the team cannot borrow a player, unless other coach approves.