

Trussville Girls Softball Association
8U Park Rules

General Rules	The most recent rules from the USA Softball apply, except as indicated below.
Pitching	Innings 1,2 and 5: Player pitch. Players pitch from 30 feet . Coach pitch is invoked after 3 walks Innings 3 and 4: Coach pitch. Coaches pitch from 35 feet with one foot in contact with rubber. In coach pitch, batter gets 5 pitches. If player fouls 5th pitch, she gets a 6th pitch. If she swings and misses the first 3 pitches, she's out. She does not get the 4th and 5th pitch. Any player who hits 3 batters in the same game will be removed from that game as pitcher, unless otherwise agreed to by head coaches.
Pitching Limits	First half of season: 4 innings per week limit. Second half of season: 6 innings per week limit.
Batting	Must Bat Entire Roster. An injured or sick player who is unable to bat is not an out.
Players In Field	Max. number of players in the field is 10 unless coaches agree to play entire roster.
Bunting	No bunting even in the girl pitch innings.
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	No infield fly rule.
Stealing	No stealing.
Base Running	Runners must remain in contact with the base until a legally pitched ball reaches home plate.
Catcher	A player catcher is required at all times.
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. A half-way / diameter line is added to the circle. Bases are at 60'. No half-way lines.
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 5 innings. 10 batter per-inning maximum.
Mercy Rule	21 run lead after 3 innings; 11 run lead after 4 innings.
Tie Breakers	If the game is a tie at the end of regulation, International Tiebreaker innings with coach pitching 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	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.