

12/14U Division

Number of Players	4 in the outfield, 6 in the infield. You must have 8 to start the game
Sliding	Yes (no head on)
Leading	When the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
Stealing	Yes (all bases)
Look back Rule	Once the pitcher gets the ball into the circle the runner has to immediately make a choice to advance or go back to the base.
Complete game	1 ½ hours. No new inning can start after an hour and a half.
Infield Fly Rule	Yes

The Infield Fly Rule in softball prevents defenders from intentionally dropping a routine pop-up to get easy force plays, calling the batter automatically out when there are runners on first and second (or bases loaded) with less than two outs, and the ball is a catchable fair fly ball (not a bunt or line drive). When called, the batter is out, but the ball remains live, and runners can advance at their own risk, as the force play is removed.

When the Rule is in Effect:

- **Less than two outs:** (0 or 1 out).
- **Runners on first and second,** or first, second, and third (bases loaded).
- **A fair fly ball:** (not a bunt or line drive).
- **An infielder (including pitcher/catcher) can catch it with ordinary effort:** (not requiring an extraordinary dive or over-the-shoulder catch).

How it Works:

- **Umpire's Call:** The umpire yells "Infield Fly, Batter's Out!".
- **Batter is Out:** The batter is automatically out, even if the ball isn't caught.
- **Ball is Live:** The ball is still in play; it's not a dead ball.
- **Runners' Options:**

- **If caught:** Runners must tag up (touch their base) before advancing, just like any fly ball.
- **If dropped:** Runners are no longer forced to advance and can run to the next base at their own risk, needing to be tagged out.

Path of Base 60' (second plug)

Path - Pitching Rubber 40'

Bunting Yes

Drop third strike Yes (There are fewer than two outs and first base is not occupied at the time of the pitch or any time there are two outs).

Mercy Rule 5 runs per inning

Start of Game Must start the game within 15 minutes of start time, or forfeit.

Runs Per Inning 5 Runs per inning, although in the 7th or last inning which needs to be declared ahead of time is unlimited.

Pitching One foot must start on start on the rubber then bringing the hands together. Players can deliver the pitch from that point or separate Hands and then deliver the pitch. If a pitcher cannot windmill we will except a modified pitching style. Illegal pitcher will not be called, but umpire will let player know it was illegal so they correct their mistake (teaching moment) ***Travel pitchers are limited to a combined total of 2 innings per game when only playing against another Lacey team.***

Face Masks **All infield players must wear face masks**

Size of Ball	12"
Benching a Player	If a player is on the bench for a defensive inning, she MUST be in the field the NEXT inning. No player shall sit out 2 consecutive defensive innings. The exceptions to this would be injury to a player or disciplinary action by the manager, coach or umpire, which may result in a player not fulfilling this League rule.
Missed Batting Rotation	If a girl leaves the game and misses her batting rotation, an out is assessed for each turn she misses. No out will be assessed if the player leaves for injury or illness. She will be permitted to return to the game.
When is a game official	A game is official if, after 3 ½ innings (Home team ahead) or 4 complete innings (Visitors ahead); the game is called by the umpire for any reason, including inclement weather or darkness. If a game is called in 2 or less innings, the game starts over. If in the 3rd inning of play, the game would resume at the point of suspension. A new inning starts when the 3rd out is made in the previous inning. Any Game that is played to a full time limit (at least 1 hour 30 minutes) no matter how many innings have been completed, is considered a full and official game.
Batting order	Teams will bat their full roster. No change in the batting order can be made during any game. However, if a player arrives late she will be placed at the bottom of the batting order. The opposing coach & umpire must be notified in this case.
Outs	3
Running of the bases	Not limited
Home team	The home team supplies a new ball and sets up/breaks down the bases. The home team occupies the first base dugout.