

# North Lakeland Softball

## 12U RULES

- Home team shall keep the official score book
- An inning shall consist of 5 runs or 3 outs which ever comes first
- ALL players shall be listed in the batting order and the batting order shall remain the same throughout the game. No penalty if player in lineup is sick or injured, and cannot bat. They are skipped or the next batter resumes with the previous injured batters count.
- Outfield players must be at least 15 feet behind the base lines
- Players shall not play the same position for more than 2 innings
- Foul the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike until it is put in play or missed
- The pitcher must have one foot on the rubber when starting the pitching motion.
- Games shall consist of 5 innings or the end of an inning after a 1.5 hour time limit.
- No new inning will be started within 5 minutes of the 90 minute time limit expiring
- For a play to end, the player must call time in front of the lead runner or the pitcher has possession of the ball IN the circle.
- There is bunting. A foul bunt on strike 3 equals an out
- There is stealing, but the runner can not leave until the ball is released from the pitchers hand
- Headfirst sliding is prohibited and the runner will be called out. Returning head first or diving back to the bag is allowed.
- ONE (1) defensive coaches is permitted on the field near the dugout. All other coaches MUST be in the dugout.
- All bats must have marked on them, "Official Softball", "Official Fastpitch", or "Tee ball"
- 12" Ball is used
- No Metal Cleats
- Helmets with face guards are required for all batters
- Anyone warming up a pitcher, anywhere in the park, must have a mask on.
- Intentional Walks are not allowed
- Players can advance on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- Forfeiture will occur if less than 8 players are available with at the end of a 15 minute grace period from game start time. Resulting in a 6-0 score for the non forfeiting team.
- 10 players shall play defensively, with a regular infield being maintained
- ALL fielders will wear the fielders mask when in the field
- All bats must be stamped "official softball" or "official fastpitch bat"
- Infield Fly Rule is in Effect
- Pitching rubber is at the 40' mark and bases are 60'
- Any Player arriving late must be put at the bottom of the lineup
- Parents or designated guardian must be present at all times, practice or game