

# Classie Lassies Girls Softball League

## Recreational Division Rules & Mission Statement

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### Mission Statement

At Classie Lassies Girls Softball League, our mission is to foster a love for the game of softball by creating a fun, inclusive, and educational environment for girls of all ages and skill levels. Through age-appropriate rules and coaching, we aim to:

- Teach the fundamentals of softball
- Promote teamwork and sportsmanship
- Encourage physical fitness and personal growth
- Provide a safe and supportive space for learning and competition

Our league is committed to helping each player develop confidence, skills, and a lifelong appreciation for the game.

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### Division Goals

#### 6U Division

- **Focus:** Introduction to softball through fun and fundamentals.
- **Goals:** Teach basic skills, encourage fitness, and emphasize teamwork in a non-competitive setting.

#### 8U Division

- **Focus:** Learning basic game situations.
- **Goals:** Develop understanding of outs, scoring, and rules. Emphasize sportsmanship and skill-building.

#### 10U Division

- **Focus:** Transition to official softball rules.
- **Goals:** Introduce pitching, catching, and stealing. Reinforce teamwork, competition, and individual development.

#### 11U–14U Division

- **Focus:** Skill refinement and competitive play.
  - **Goals:** Mirror high school softball rules. Promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and advanced player development.
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### Regular Season Schedule

- **Season Length:** 10 to 12 regular season games.
  - **Game Frequency:** Teams typically play two games per week, Monday-Saturday (no Sunday games).
  - **Season Duration:**
    - **Spring League:** Starts in April- mid June
  - **Game Times:** Common start times during the week are 6:15 PM, weekends; varies depending on field availability.
  - **Rainouts:** Any games canceled due to weather must be rescheduled.
  - **Rescheduling:** Team managers are responsible for coordinating makeup games, subject to field availability.
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### Playoff Format

- **Qualification:**
  - **All teams 8u and higher will qualify automatically.**
- **Format:**
  - **Single Elimination**
- **Tiebreakers:**
  - Seeding- if two teams have the same record, PA and PF will be taken into consideration.
- **Playoff Scheduling:**
  - Semi-finals and finals may be played **on the same day** as a doubleheader
  - Weeknight playoff games typically start at **6 PM**
  - Weekend games may vary but must start on time to avoid forfeits

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## League Rules by Division

Each division follows USA Softball rules unless otherwise specified. Below is a summary of key rules per age group.

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### 6U Division

- **Softball Size:** 11" safe-soft
  - **Fielding:** All players play; no minimum required
  - **Batting:** Continuous batting order; tee used after 5 coach pitches
  - **Pitching:** Coach pitch from any distance
  - **Game Length:** 3 innings or 1 hour 20 minutes + 1 inning
  - **Scoring:** Not kept
  - **Extra Base Hits:** One base only; final batter advances to home
  - **Overthrows:** No advancement
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### 8U Division

- **Softball Size:** 11"
  - **Fielding:** 10 players (must use 4 outfielders); minimum 8 players
  - **Batting:** Continuous batting order; no automatic outs for fewer than 10 players
  - **Pitching:** Coach pitch from 30 ft; max 10 pitches or 3 strikes
  - **Game Length:** 5 innings or 1 hour 20 minutes + 1 inning
  - **Scoring:** 4 runs per inning for first 3 innings; unlimited after
  - **Extra Base Hits:** Up to 2 bases on batted ball to outfield (at risk)
  - **Overthrows:** No advancement
  - **Stealing:** Not allowed
  - **Bunting/Walks/Hit by Pitch:** Not allowed
  - **Infield Fly/Dropped 3rd Strike:** Not applicable
  - **Extra Innings:** Max 1 extra inning; last out starts on 2nd base
  - Each player must play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield per game.
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### 10U Division

- **Softball Size:** 11”
  - **Fielding:** 10 players (must use 4 outfielders); minimum 8 players
  - **Batting:** Continuous batting order; no automatic outs for fewer than 10 players
  - **Pitching:** Player pitch from 35 ft; max 4 innings per pitcher (3 consecutive)
  - **Game Length:** 6 innings or 1 hour 20 minutes + 1 inning
  - **Scoring:** 4 runs per inning for first 3 innings; unlimited after
  - **Stealing:** Allowed, except no stealing home on passed ball
  - **Bunting/Walks/Hit by Pitch:** Allowed
  - **Infield Fly/Dropped 3rd Strike:** Not applicable
  - **Extra Innings:** Last out starts on 2nd base
  - **Pitcher Hit Batter Limit:** 3 in one inning = removal; 2 in any following inning = removal and no re-entry
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### **11U–14U Divisions**

- **Softball Size:** 12”
- **Fielding:** 10 players (must use 4 outfielders); minimum 8 players
- **Batting:** Continuous batting order; no automatic outs for fewer than 10 players
- **Pitching:** Player pitch — 12U: 40 ft, 14U: 43 ft; unlimited innings unless ahead by 10 runs
- **Game Length:** 7 innings or 1 hour 20 minutes + 1 inning
- **Scoring:** 4 runs per inning for first 3 innings; unlimited after
- **Stealing/Bunting/Walks/Hit by Pitch:** Allowed
- **Infield Fly/Dropped 3rd Strike:** Not applicable
- **Extra Innings:** Last out starts on 2nd base
- **Charged Conferences:** Max 3 per game

**Please Note:** Fielder's masks are required for all players in every division.