

# Franklin Girls Softball Association

## Minor Division Rules 2023

Rule(s) Description	Minor Division
USA Softball Rules and Regulations followed. Specific league rules are as follows.	X
5 Inning games-after 1:35 no new full inning can be started (home team will get the opportunity for its last at bat, if needed)	X
3 runs per inning, waived in the 5th or last inning (bat through the order once last inning)	X
Game is considered official after 3 innings (home team does not need to bat in their half of the fourth inning if ahead)	X
6 players needed to start and end game.	X
A maximum of 10 defensive players can play at one time. Four outfielders must play at least 15 feet off the baseline (imaginary line between the bases-on the grass) until the ball is hit by the batter)	X
11-inch Stamped ASA ball and 35 feet pitching distance	X
Free substitution of players in the field	X
Mercy Rule: 12 runs (home team has last at bat if behind)	X
Maximum of 3 innings per pitcher. Pitcher may re-enter	X
Pitcher shall be removed from pitching after "directly" hitting 3 batters in an inning or 5 in the course of a game (bounced pitches will not count). Batter is still awarded the base on all hit by pitch, including bounces.	X
<p>After the 3- walk in an inning and any subsequent "foul ball" count to a batter, the coach from the batting team comes in to restart the at bat with a 0-0 count.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The batter remains in the batters box</li> <li>2. The count is reset to 0-0</li> <li>3. The at bat can end in any play other than a walk or hbp</li> <li>4. While the coach pitches, the pitcher stays in the circle as a fielder and can make plays</li> <li>5. After the coach completes pitching the at bat, the coach leaves the field of play and pitcher returns to pitch to the next batter</li> <li>6. The coach will return to the mound for any subsequent walk situations.</li> </ol>	X
A courtesy runner may and should be used for a pitcher or catcher-runner shall be the last batter of the previous inning (and second to last batter of the previous inning if both pitcher and catcher are on base as the same time)	X
Protective face cages are required for all players in the infield	X
Batters must wear helmets with cages and chin straps while batting, on the base path, and when in the first and third base coaches boxes.	X
Bunting is allowed. No slashing, slap hitting, or drag bunts.	X
Infield fly rule is not in effect-the ball is live once hit.	X

Dropped third strike is not in effect.	X
Stealing is allowed-no stealing home	X
One stolen base at a time	X
No advancements allowed for any overthrow	X

**Special Playing Rules (All upper divisions)**

- Minimum of six players required to start the game. (scrimmage regardless of forfeit)
- Games must start once the scheduled start time is reached and both teams have the minimum number of players.
- All players bat - a continuous batting order will be used. Players who arrive after the start of the game will be added to the end of the order.
- Free substitution of players in the field
- A courtesy runner may and should be used for a pitcher or catcher-runner shall be the last batter of the previous inning (and second to last batter of the previous inning if both pitcher and catcher are on base at the same time)