

2019 Fall League Softball Rules-15u Girls- (Revised 8-01-19)

1. Games will be 1 hour 15 minutes in length or 6 innings, whichever is applicable.
2. 10 players on defense.
3. All players on the roster will be placed on the lineup card and bat the entire duration of the game.
4. Only 10 batters will be allowed per inning. If the 10th batter of the inning comes up to bat, and there are less than two outs, then the umpire will declare two outs and once the player is put out, or playing action comes to an end, the inning will be over. If the 10th batter of the inning is hit by a pitch or walked, the batter will be awarded two bases. Any players on base would also advance two bases, anyone on 2nd or 3rd base would score in this scenario.
5. Catchers do not have to use a catcher's mitt. Catcher's mask must have the throat guard or be a hockey style mask.
6. All batters/runners must have a helmet with a face mask.
7. Teams with only 8 players can start a game with no penalty. If a player shows up late, she can be inserted into the lineup, (9th position). If a player is sick or injured, they can not return to the game. Any player ejected from a game would result in their team taking an out in the ejected player's turn at bat.
8. Pitchers have **10 innings per week**. Penalty for violation will be a one game suspension for the coach.
9. 43 ft. pitching rubber.
10. A 10 run mercy rule after **3 ½ or 4 innings** or 15 after **2 ½ or 3 innings**, whichever is applicable.
11. The dropped third strike rule is in play. **Example:** One out, 1st base occupied, the batter is out and runners can leave at their own risk. Two outs, base occupied or not, the dropped third strike is live and a play must be made to get the out and runners advance at their own risk.
12. Courtesy runner for the catcher can be utilized and must be the player that recorded the last out. This is a speed up rule to help get catchers ready for the next half inning.
13. September 1st is the age cut off for all divisions of play. Players turning 16 before September 1st is ineligible to play.
14. All playing rules not covered in the 15u local fall league rule sheet will be governed by the 2018 Dixie Softball Inc. rule book.
15. Sportsmanship: Any coach ejected from a game will require the coach that is ejected to take his/her kid, if a player, with him/her as they leave the field premises. The player can participate in her team's next game, however the coach must be suspended from his team's next game and can not be on park premises until the suspension is served.