



Diamond Stars Girls Softball League Rules

Playing rules not specifically covered shall follow the official Amateur Softball Association rules.

I. Sportsmanship

- a. There will be a zero tolerance policy on swearing for all players, coaches, and fans
- b. Sportsmanship shall be the top priority observed by all coaches, players, parents, and spectators. The umpires and staff have complete authority to enforce good sportsmanship.
- c. Head coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, players, and fans.
- d. Chatter/chanting of any kind must be positive in nature and may not be directed at an opposing individual or team.
- e. Alcohol will not be allowed on the premises during youth play. Coaches may not use tobacco on the field or in the dugout.

II. Interaction With Umpires

- a. Coaches are not allowed to discuss a judgment call with an umpire. Any discussion of a judgment call may be grounds for an immediate ejection.
- b. A short discussion with an umpire regarding a rule clarification is acceptable. The coach must request a timeout to ask the umpire for clarification. This must be done in a professional manner.
- c. Head coaches are responsible for the actions of their assistants, players, and fans.
- d. Harassment of umpires by anyone will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate ejection.

III. Ejections

- a. Anyone ejected from a game must leave the complex immediately. Those serving a suspension may not attend the game(s) for which they are serving a suspension.
- b. Players
 - i. First ejection – suspended for the next game.
 - ii. Second ejection – suspended for the next two games and an appearance before the Advisory Council may be required.
 - iii. Third ejection – suspended for a minimum of three games and a mandatory appearance before the Advisory Council.
- c. Coach, Parent, or Fan

- i. First ejection – suspended for the next game and an appearance before the Advisory Council may be required.
- ii. Second ejection – Suspended for the next two games and a mandatory appearance before the Advisory Council.
- iii. Third ejection – Suspended for a minimum of three games and mandatory appearance before the Advisory Council.

IV. Playing Field Dimensions

- a. 10&U: 60' bases and 35' pitching rubber
- b. 12&U: 60' bases and 40' pitching rubber

V. Softball Sizes (league will supply one game ball per game)

- a. 10&U: 11" softball
- b. 12&U: 12" softball

VI. Scorekeeping

- a. Home team shall be the official scorekeeper of the game.

VII. Time Limit/Innings Played

- a. Each game will be played to seven innings or when the one hour and ten minute time limit is reached.

VIII. Run Rules

- a. 12 runs after three innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
- b. Each team will be allowed to score a maximum of 8 runs per half-inning.

IX. Batting

- a. Teams will use a continuous batting order or "roster batting".

X. Sliding

- a. A runner is out when she does not slide or avoid contact if the fielder has the ball or is in the act of catching the ball. If the ball has not yet reached the fielder, the runner is not required to slide and the fielder must yield the base and base line.