

MPYSL GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
LEAGUE RULES (REVISED 4/8/2022)

1. Parents and spectators are to behave in an appropriate manner. No profanity or poor sportsmanship will be tolerated before, during, or after the game. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products are allowed on or near the fields and stands. Coaches are to help monitor their parents and spectators. **If a parent/guardian/coach gets removed from the game, their child is to sit the next game.**
2. If a coach is removed from a game for any reason, that coach will incur a two-game suspension. A second infraction will result in a suspension for the season. Punishments can increase or decrease at the discretion of the MPYSL committee if determined to be in the best interest of the league.
3. **Chanting and cheering:** there's to be no chanting or distractive cheering once the pitcher has taken the position on the rubber. Once the ball has been batted, cheering may resume. Please be respectful of other players and teams.
4. The Home team will be the official scorekeeper and will keep the official score sheet. Third base side will be for the home team.
5. No new innings will be started after 80 minutes.
6. Full catchers' equipment is required at all levels. Helmets must have a face guard.
7. Fielders' facemasks are required for major league infield positions and strongly encouraged for minor league.
8. No throwing of the bat. First infraction will warrant a team warning. The next infraction the batter will be called out.
9. No jewelry. First infraction is a warning, the second infraction will result in the batter being out.
10. You must have eight players to start a game. If a team does not have eight players at 15 minutes past the appointed start time of the game, that team will be forced to forfeit. An out will be called for the 9th player only. Please inform the umpire when the out comes up to bat.
11. You may move a player up from a lower division to fill-in for absences; however, the player being brought up must bat last and must play in the outfield only.
12. Each team will bat their full roster.
13. There is a six-run max per inning at 13 U level. Run rule is 10 runs after four or 15 runs after three. This will count as a full game.
14. Weather: In the event of thunder and/or lightning, there will be a 30 minute wait period. If there is another thunder and/or lightning event during that wait period, the 30-minute period begins again.
15. If your game is canceled due to weather, your game will be rescheduled for the Saturday of that week. Games will be rescheduled as they are cancelled, with the first rescheduled game starting at 1 PM. If you cannot play during the scheduled time it will result in a forfeit. There is no leeway on this rule.
16. Other than weather, a game will not be rescheduled. If a team needs more players they may pull up from the lower divisions, players cannot be pulled from teams at the same level.

### SOFTBALL MINOR (AGES 7-9)

1. Will play five innings. No new innings after 80 minutes.
2. Players playing in the pitching position are required to wear a facemask. Facemasks are recommended for other positions, but not required.
3. Approved softball and T-ball bats can be used.
4. Can play four outfielders.
5. Must have eight players to start a game.
6. One or two coaches may be in the outfield when on defense.
7. Each girl will receive three strikes or five pitches.
8. A batted ball that remains in the infield allows the runner only one base advancement. There is a one base advancement on overthrows.
9. Batted balls to the outfield or unlimited advancement until the ball is secured by an infielder and time is called by that infielder.
10. No stealing.
11. Five runs max per inning.
12. Teams must bat full roster.
13. Coach must pitch with at least 1 foot inside of the pitching circle.
14. Every minor coach must play each player at least two innings on the field.

### SOFTBALL MAJOR GIRLS (AGES 10-13)

**\*\* these rules with the afore mentioned league rules will govern the 13U level\*\***

1. Will play six innings, no new inning started after 80 minutes, six run max per inning.
2. Face guards are required for all pitchers and infield positions.
3. Can play only three outfielders.
4. Stealing: runners can leave the base on pictures release. First infraction- team warning, second infraction- the runner is out.
5. Pitching: four inning max per game, one pitch counts as one inning.
6. A courtesy runner may be used for pitchers and catchers of record only. There must be two outs in the inning and the last player out is to be used as a runner. Coaches must inform the opposing coach and umpire of pitcher or catcher changes prior to their teams at bat if they wish to have those players eligible for a courtesy runner.
7. Sixth innings- teams will bat the lineup or three outs whichever comes first.
8. Bunting is legal.
9. 13U players must slide at home if there is a play. Umpires' discretion.
10. Drop third strike rule is enforced.
11. Teams must play the full roster.