

CYBSA 14U Division Softball Rules

All MHSAA rules and regulations apply with the following exceptions unless stated in General Rules:

- 1) Base Distance - 60 feet.
- 2) Pitching Rubber-43 feet
- 3) Ball-12 inch Softball
- 4) A 16 foot radius pitching circle is used for the look-back rule. A pitcher is in the 16- foot circle when both feet are within or partially within the line.

Game Rules:

- 1) Nine players will play at one time on the field.
- 2) Players will be allowed to steal on release of the ball.
 - a. If a runner is caught leaving early, the first offense will result in the runner being sent back to the base from where she left and the play is dead.
 - b. There will be a team warning. Second and subsequent offense will be called out.
- 3) There will be no lead-offs.
 - a. If a player is called for leading off, a warning will be given to the runner.
 - b. If the pitch resulted in a hit, the runner must return to the nearest open base.
- 4) Head first sliding is allowed.
- 5) If a play is being made on a runner they must attempt to slide or they will be called out (Umpires discretion).
- 6) Bunting and slap hitting are allowed. No Fake Bunt Hitting – once batter squares to bunt batter must attempt to bunt or pull back and take the pitch. Umpire will determine if the pitch is a ball or strike.
- 7) The infield fly rule will be in effect.
- 8) Drop third strike rule is in effect.
- 9) Metal cleats can be worn.

Pitching Rules:

- 1) Pitchers must wear a protective mask.
- 2) A pitcher will receive 5 warm-up pitches to start the game and 3 pitches in between innings (Umpires discretion).
- 3) A pitcher must be removed from the pitching position if they hit 5 batters in a game.
 - a. If a batter is hit and was legitimately attempting to get out of the way, they may be awarded first base (umpires discretion).
 - b. If the batter did not attempt to move, it will be called a ball and no base will be awarded.
- 4) If the starting pitcher is removed they may re-enter one time.
- 5) If a team intends to give a batter an intentional walk, they must notify the umpire and that batter will be granted first base. This may be done at any time during that at bat.
- 6) Play continues until the pitcher has control of the ball inside the pitcher's circle and umpire calls time.