

14 & U DIVISION OF CENTRAL OHIO GIRLS FAST-PITCH
OHIO HIGH SCHOOL RULES WITH THESE ADDITIONS (REVISED 3-12-23)

1. Home team supplies umpires and game balls.
2. No player shall participate who will be 15 years old before January 1st of that year.
3. Any player who is listed on the roster turned into the league secretary for this age division may not play at a lower age division.
4. Rosters must be turned in to league secretary at scheduling meeting in paper format. Any games played prior to turning in roster will be forfeited.
5. League fees must be paid to treasurer by scheduling meeting.
6. Birth certificates and copy of roster must be available at each game. If not available, team not having birth certificates will be forced to forfeit.
7. Both teams will report game results and game rosters to the league secretary within 48 hours to monitor ALL players' participation. Players are eligible to play in the end of season tournament if they play in at least 80% of the division games reported to COGFP. If a player who hasn't met this requirement plays in the end of season tournament, that team will be eliminated from the tournament.
8. Cancellation and rescheduling games: Games must be canceled more than 7 days before game date, except for weather related reasons, coach's emergency, school functions or no show of an umpire. A game will be forfeited if not canceled more than 7 days prior to game day. Games must be rescheduled to be played before tournament draw
9. There will be a formal pre-game conference between head coaches and umpires prior to the game to discuss the strike zone, ground rules and set the official start time.
10. All bats used must be official fast pitch softball bats or approved for use by the opposing coach prior to the game. Penalty- batter automatically out.
11. 12" optic yellow leather balls must be used.
12. It is recommended that 12 year olds be brought up to fill vacancies on a team (a call-up player must wear her team uniform). These players must be on a COGFP roster from a team in your community. Teams using ineligible players shall forfeit all games in which that player participated.
13. Games will be 7 innings in length, with a 2 hour time limit: An inning may not be started any time after two hours from the official start time. As soon as the 3rd out is made the inning is over and the next inning begins. An inning may be started as late as one hour fifty-nine minutes from the official start time unless both coaches agree to end the contest.

14. International tie-breaker:

- a) When the teams are tied and going into the 8th inning or at the start of an inning after the 2 hour time limit, each team starts each inning with a runner on second base. That base runner is the batter-runner (player at bat) when the last out was made in the previous inning, and no substitute or courtesy runner may replace her until she has reached third base. If the last batter out cannot continue to play because of injury, illness, etc., she will be declared out and the next previous batter out will be the tie-breaker runner.

15. Seven run rule interpretation: A team may score no more than 7 runs in one inning. Once the seventh run scores, the ½ inning is over. If a team has scored 6 runs and a player hits a grand slam home run, only the 7th run will count.

16. Games are to begin on time. If a team does not have enough players by 10 minutes from the official game time, the game will be forfeited.

17. At least one licensed umpire (HS, ASA, or NSA), or formerly licensed official, will be hired for each game or the game will result in a forfeit by the home team, unless visiting team agrees to play with non-licensed umpire. No immediate family of the home team's head coach may umpire. Umpires will document game scores when signing pay sheet after the game.

18. No coaches at this age division or sisters and brothers of players will be allowed to umpire games at this age division.

19. If the regular team uniform consists of long pants, players will be allowed to wear shorts if they desire. If more than one player wishes to wear a baseball hat the hats do not need to match.

20. The coach has the option to bat the regular nine girls, like in high school, or they can bat their entire roster, with free substitutions. Whichever way the coach chooses to do this, they must maintain this throughout the entire game.

21. The pitching distance will be 40 feet for the entire season.

22. Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher and catcher. They will be the last out.

23. Mercy Rule:

- a) A game may end any time after five innings, when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat for regular season or tournament games.

24. All tournament games will be played to the full time limit. If a game is stopped due to weather the game will be played in full at a later time.