

Rules for the 2018 season

Mid County Little League 7th & 8th Grade Girls

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1. Pitching distance is 40 feet.
2. Bases are 60 feet apart.
3. A **“yellow”, high visibility, 12” softball** is to be used.
4. Bats – a legal bat will follow NFHS rules, it must have a 2000 or 2004 certification mark.
5. Helmets are mandatory.
6. Catcher must wear full equipment.
7. No metal spikes.
8. Seven inning games, unless tied, then extra innings. There will be a 2 hour time limit for games if tied after 2 hours, finish the inning you are playing.
9. Ten run rule is in effect after the 5th inning.
10. In case of rain or darkness (field w/out lights), game is resumed where play was stopped unless official game of 5 innings has been completed.
11. A team must have a minimum of 9 players or forfeit the game.
12. A player may play in their division or higher, but cannot ever play in a division lower than their age.
13. Ten players maximum on defense.
14. Every player must play defense at least one inning.
15. No free substitution, unless agreed to by both coaches and the umpires prior to the start of the game.
16. Pitchers may pitch the whole game
17. Pitchers will follow the IHSA rules.
18. No slow arch pitch. If so, umpire will call the pitch a ball.
19. Bunting is allowed.
20. Third strike does have to be caught, or the batter can run to 1st base unless 1st base is occupied with less than 2 outs. So in other words, if strike 3 is dropped with a runner on first and with 1 or less outs, the batter is out. If strike 3 is dropped with 2 outs and a runner on first or first base open, the batter can still try to take first.
21. Base runners may not leave base until the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand.
22. Unlimited stealing is allowed until the team batting is leading by more than 10 runs. Advancing on a passed ball is considered stealing.
23. Sliding at home plate is mandatory when the ball is thrown home for a play at the plate.
24. In case of an over-throw, the number of bases awarded is determined by the home teams ground rules and will be explained before every game.

25. Ball is in play until umpire grants time-out or until all runners have stopped.
26. Home team supplies the plate umpire and the visiting team supplies the base umpires. Umpires must be at least in high school and completed said grade prior to the start of the season or a forfeit will be awarded to the other team.
27. The umpire's decision is final.
28. Besides these rules, IHSA baseball rules prevail.
29. Any game canceled must be made up within 2 weeks of the original scheduled date or within two weeks of the rainout date or both teams will receive a forfeit.
30. Each forfeited game will cost both teams' town \$25.
31. If there is a problem with the fans, parents or coach excessively complaining to the ump and the ump has to give the coaches 2 warnings:
 - 1st warning---the umpire needs to have the coach ask them to stop, and/or warn the coach it is their 1st warning;
 - 2nd warning---that team will forfeit that game and game will stop immediately.