

Softball Senior League Rules 2018

PONY Fast Pitch Softball Rules (Pony League, girls age 14 and under) apply with the following highlights/modifications:

- 43 feet pitching distance
- 7 inning games. A game is official after 4 innings (home team does not need to bat in their half of the fourth inning if ahead).
- No new inning to start after 7:45 pm for 6 pm games or 9:45 pm for 8 pm games.
- Scorebook is kept.
- Run ahead rule is 15 after 4.5 innings.
- Continuous batting order/ free substitution.
- 5 runs per inning rule/ waived in the 7th or last inning (no limit in last inning).
- A team must have eight players in order to play. Less than eight players will result in a forfeit.
- The home team is responsible for canceling the umpire on the day of the game in case of rainouts (no later than 4:00 PM).
- 12 run mercy rule (home team has last at bat if behind).
- Batters must wear helmets with cages and chin straps.
- Protective face cages for pitchers and 3rd basemen are mandatory
- If a player is injured during a game and cannot continue or leaves in the middle of the game for other reasons, that player's position in the order is skipped for the remainder of the game without penalty (i.e. no automatic out). If a player is late to the game, the player should be inserted at the end of the batting order.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher - runner shall be the last batter of the previous inning (and second to last batter of the previous inning if both pitcher and catcher are on base at the same time).
- No slashing (faking bunt, then hitting away)
- Slap hitting and drag bunting are allowed
- Infield fly rule in effect
- Free substitution of players in the field
- Players must slide or avoid contact. All sliding rule decisions are at the discretion of the umpire.
- Pitcher shall be removed from pitching after directly hitting 3 batters in an inning or 5 in the course of the game (bounced pitches will not count).
- Home team pays for the umpire.