



PJL 10UG, 12UG, 15UG, and HS Kid Pitch PJL Softball Park Rules

Equipment and Attire:

- Bats permitted are USSSA or USA stamped bats that are not on the banned bat list with Perfect Game.
- Cleats should be rubber spikes only.
- All batters need a batting helmet. Face masks on batting helmets and chin straps are not required.
- Catchers must be in full catching gear.
- Fielding face masks are highly recommended, but not required.
- Official game ball sizes: 10UG - 11 inch softball; 12UG and up - 12 inch softball
- Pitching distance: 10UG = 35 ft; 12UG and up = 40 ft.

General Rules:

- The home team chalks the field prior to the game and is responsible for keeping up with the official paper scorebook located in the field house.
- The away team drags the field at the conclusion of the game and is responsible for getting someone to run SingleScore for the Scoreboard. Instructions are located in the field house.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring the lights are turned on when needed for your game.
- Coaches are responsible for adhering to the coaches code of conduct.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring that parents are adhering to the parental code of conduct.
- The umpire on the field has the final say in all calls on the field.
- Once the game schedule is out, then it is set. There will be no rescheduling of games at the coach's request, unless something is worked out with all of the other coaches involved and communicated to the director.
- Reschedules are only allowed if reported at least 24 prior to the game time. After 24 hours, it will result in a forfeit.
- Rainouts will be rescheduled to the next available date and time. A complete game will be called if there are 3 complete innings.

Game length:

- Games will be booked on a 1 hour 30 minute time slot in the scheduling system. Games will be 1 hour and 15 minutes long, with the start time that is announced by the umpire.
- The game will end after 6 innings total or if time has expired at 1 hour and 15 minutes, then the game will end once the inning is complete.
- Run limit: A maximum of five(5) runs may be scored in a single inning.
- Both home and visitor coaches must verify and sign the scorecard after the game before leaving the field.
- The mercy rule will be enforced when mathematical elimination is in effect.

Game Play:

- A team may start and finish a game with 8 players/
 - The 9th batter's slot will result in an out
- Teams may have a maximum of 9 players on the field.
- If a team only has 7 players, this will result in a forfeit for that team. There will be a 10 minute grace period to allow the 8th player to show but the time will count as game time. If the player doesn't show, the score will go down as 7-0.
 - Forfeits must be told to the Kid Pitch Softball Director by 4:00pm of the day of the game.
- An inning is over when the defense records 3 outs or the batting team has scored 5 runs. There is no run rule in any kind of championship game.
- The batting line-up is continuous, all players will bat.
 - Late arrivals must be added to the bottom of the lineup.
 - Batting order must remain the same for the duration of the game.
- The team will receive 1 warning for players being outside of the dugout. The 2nd violation will result in the head coach being ejected from the game. The head coach must reside outside the field at that time.
- No defensive player may sit out more than two (2) consecutive innings.

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Pitchers:

- The look back rule is in effect.

Batting:

- The infield fly rule is in effect.
- There is advancement on a dropped 3rd strike, and it is a live ball for base runners.
- Ball 4 is also a live ball for base runners.
- No slashing (fake bunt, pull back, full swing)
- Bunting is allowed.
- Intentional walks are not allowed.
- No slinging of the bat (1 warning per team)
- Unlimited foul balls

Courtesy runner:

- May only be used for the catcher or pitcher..
- Must be the batter who made the previous out

Baserunner:

- Stealing is allowed at any time.
- Baserunner's must slide or attempt to go around the base/plate if a defensive player is present attempting to make a play. Runners must slide or surrender at home plate to avoid a collision.
- Head first sliding is permitted.
- The orange safety bag attached to 1st base is for runners only. The runner is only out if defense touches 1st base (the white base).

Catchers:

- Must wear full catchers gear.
- Catcher must squat behind the batter's box
- Catchers can not block home plate unless a play is being made. If no play is being made, the catcher must give way to the runner.

Any questions on the rules should be relayed to the Kid Pitch Softball Director or the Head Umpire in Charge prior to games starting. During games, the umpire on the field has the final call on all rules. If escalation is needed, the umpire can reach out to the Head Umpire in Charge. Coaches should not call the director or head umpire during any games.

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