

2019 Major Girls Rules
Harlan/Hoagland/Monroeville/New Haven/Woodburn

1. Pitch from 40 feet with 60 feet between bases. The outfield fence will be set as 175 feet or 200 feet depending on the diamond. Twenty-four (24) inch rubbers will be used for all play. A 12-inch softball will be used for play.
2. 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. For the purposes of time, the next inning begins at the time of the third out of the previous inning. No new inning will be started after the time limit, unless the game is tied. If the game is tied, the last player that was out will be placed on second base as written under international rules. After that inning the game will be rescheduled and played from the point where the tied game stopped. A tied game may be played out if there isn't a game scheduled after it or if it is the last game of the night, up to 2 1/2 hours at this point game will stop and reschedule to resume exactly where it was left off.
3. A sixteen (16) foot diameter circle with the pitching rubber as the center will be used. When the pitcher is in the circle with the ball, play is stopped. If a runner has passed a base as the pitcher is going into the circle, the runner may continue to the next base, but is fair play for the next base if she has not touched the base to which she was initially running before the pitcher entered the circle. Once the pitcher is clearly in the circle, the runner must immediately commit to either advance to the next base or return to the previous base. If they advance, the runner must be tagged as it is not a force play.
4. Games are 6 innings. Run rules are as follows, 15 after 4 and 10 after 5 unless home team, then half inning prior. 4 complete innings or 3 1/2 with home ahead will constitute a complete game in case of rainout. If not to this point, entire game will be replayed.
5. A minimum of eight (8) players is required or a forfeit will be declared. Minor girl players can be called up to fill roster, if necessary. They may not practice with that team or will only be on call for games. 9 players constitute a full fielding team.
6. All teams will bat a 10-player roster. The batting does not change during the game. Minor girls brought up will become part of the roster for that game only! Minor girls will not play if major girls are available.
7. It is mandatory that all players bat at least once and field for six (6) outs in a six inning game. Players must bat before being substituted. Subs re-enter into same batting position. The violating team's respective board will deal with violations.
8. No leading off or stealing until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Runners can steal home. They may not "barrel" into the player defending the base/plate. If the runner drops down to do this, that player will be out and a warning will be given to the team. A second offense on that player regarding this, will constitute ejection.
9. The base runner must avoid contact if there is a play being attempted on her. It will be at the umpire's discretion as to whether a play is being made. An infraction of this rule will be declared an out. If the umpire discerns there was intent to injure a player, ejection will result. Teach them to slide.
10. Base runners to 1st base may be considered at risk or live and may be tagged out for turning toward second while in fair territory. Coaches should encourage teaching runners to run out the play and turn toward the 1st base dugout.

11. If a player must leave before the end of the game, the opposing coach must be informed before the start of the game to not have an out in that player's spot. If there is no one to replace that player, the team must take an out when they come up to bat.
12. Metal cleats are permitted in this league.
13. The batter runs on a dropped third strike if there are less than two (2) outs and first base is unoccupied. The batter runs when there are two (2) outs regardless of whether first base is occupied or not.
14. Facemasks on batting helmets are required.
Defensive masks are encouraged but not mandatory.
15. The infield fly rule will be enforced.
16. Bunting is allowed. A third strike bunt that goes foul is an out. "Slapping" is allowed. Slapping is when the batter moves through the box while swinging. Slashing or showing a bunt then taking a cut is not permitted and is an immediate dead ball out.
17. If a sick or injured player leaves the game and a substitute is not available, that position in the batting order will be skipped and will not count as an out. The injured/sick player may not return to the game, and may be replaced by any available player on the roster. This rule supersedes rule #8.
18. A fair ball that rolls beyond the outfield fence is a ground rule double.
The defensive player must raise their hands to alert the umpires.
19. First and second place league and tournament trophies (or other awards) only, will be awarded. League standings are based on the following: team's overall record, head to head record, defensive runs allowed, offensive runs allowed.
Coaches are responsible for reporting game scores to the division representative or "rep". The division rep will gather and maintain standings for tournament seeding. (2019 Revision)
These standings are only against teams in that league.