

2025 FRANKLIN GIRLS SOFTBALL LOCAL RULES

	6U	8U	10U	12U	14U and Up
Ball Size:	9 inch	11 inch	11 inch	12 inch	12 inch
Base Running:	One Base Per Hit	Leading Allowed After Release – No Stealing	Full Stealing Allowed After Release	Full Stealing Allowed After Release	Full Stealing Allowed After Release
Leaving Base Early:	NA	1 st Offense – Warning 2 nd Offense - Out	1 st Offense – Warning 2 nd Offense - Out	1 st Offense – Warning 2 nd Offense - Out	1 st Offense – Warning 2 nd Offense - Out
Overthrow Rule: <i>Fair Territory</i> <i>Out of Fair Territory</i>	Dead – No Advance Dead – No Advance	One Base Advance Dead-One Base Given	Live Ball Dead-One Base Given	Live Ball Dead-One Base Given	Live Ball Dead-One Base Given
Batting Line-Up:	Entire Roster	Entire Roster	Entire Roster	Entire Roster	Entire Roster
Substitutions:	Unlimited Defensive	Unlimited Defensive	Unlimited Defensive	Unlimited Defensive	Unlimited Defensive
Fielders:	Entire Roster	10 (4 Outfield)	10 (4 Outfield)	9	9
Pitching:	Coach Pitch – 6 balls tossed by offensive coach, if no hit then use tee (max 10 pitches)	Manual Machine Pitch (Offensive Coach) (max 10 pitches) Player pitch if both teams agree before start of game	100% Player	100% Player	100% Player
Pitching Distance:	NA	30 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
Drop 3rd Strike:	NA	NA	NA	Yes	Yes
Maximum Runs:	NA	5 Runs Including Last Inning	5 runs per inning until end of the 3 rd – open after that	5 runs per inning until end of the 3 rd – open after that	5 runs per inning until end of the 3 rd – open after that
10 Run Rule:	NA	NA	10 Runs - After 4 Innings	10 Runs - After 4 Innings	10 Runs - After 4 Innings
Time Limit:	No new inning after 60 min	No new inning after 90 min	No new inning after 90 min	No new inning after 90 min	No new inning after 90 min
Maximum Innings:	4	5	6	6	7
Regulation Game:	NA	5 (4 if called)	6 (4 if called)	6 (4 if called)	7 (4 if called)
Hit By Pitch: <i>Any Part of Body:</i> <i>On Bounce:</i>	NA	1 Base Awarded Discretion of Umpire	1 Base Awarded Discretion of Umpire	1 Base Awarded Discretion of Umpire	1 Base Awarded Discretion of Umpire
Safety Rules: <i>Face Mask:</i> <i>Mouthguards:</i> <i>Cleats:</i>	Mandatory for infield/ Optional for outfield Optional Suggested, not mandatory	Mandatory for infield/ Optional for outfield Optional Mandatory, non metal only	Mandatory for infield/ Optional for outfield Optional Mandatory, non metal only	Mandatory for infield/ Optional for outfield Optional Mandatory, non metal only	Mandatory for infield/ Optional for outfield Optional Mandatory (metal allowed)
Other:	Parent/Guardian must be present for entirety of game/practice	Game may be umpired by volunteer if needed			
All coaches/volunteers in dugout or on field must be approved by board and must pass USA Softball background check and SafeSport course					