



2025-2026 Playing Rules – 12 & Under

The 2025 TCSA 12 & Under softball season will be conducted in accordance with 2025 USA rules and policies with the following exceptions:

1. The League-issued ball shall be twelve (12) inches in diameter of a type approved by USA for fastpitch play.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The pitching distance will be forty (40) feet.
4. Game time limit is one hour and fifteen minutes (75 minutes), finish the inning. A new inning shall not be started after 75 minutes of play.
5. Games may end in a tie.
6. All players present shall be listed in the batting order. Any player who does not bat in their position for any reason other than illness/injury shall be called out. A player who misses an at bat because of illness/injury shall not return to play. A player called out for any other missed at bat shall return to play defense. The player shall be called out each time an at bat is missed.
7. Bat-slinging will not be allowed. In the instance of a batter slinging a bat, the umpire shall call 'Dead Ball' and the batter is out. Any baserunners must return to their positions held at the beginning of the pitch.
8. The offensive team shall remain at bat until they have scored six (6) runs per inning or made three (3) outs.
9. All players not playing defense in an inning must be placed in a defensive position the following inning. Three (3) consecutive outs shall constitute an inning for this rule.
10. A minimum number of players necessary to start and/or continue play are seven (7), but an out will be counted in the 8th position in the batting order. Players may be "picked up" from one age group lower if needed. Pick up players are allowed to play in the outfield



only and must be listed last in the batting order. Pick up players must be in their league issued uniform. In the event that a team must pick up 4 players, the 4th player will not be allowed to play pitcher, catcher, or first base.

11. The DP will not be used in local league play.
12. Run-ahead rules – 15 after 3 innings, 12 after 4, 8 after 5.

