

7th Grade & UP

CARBON/EMERY GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

Rules

1. High School rules will be used.
2. You may play with 10 players.
3. All games will be 60 minutes. No new inning may start after the 60 minutes. The umpire is the sole judge to determine if time has expired.
4. Infield fly rule.
5. Each player should play 35 minutes or half of the game, unless they do not attend practice, then it is up to the coaches.
6. You may pick up extra players, **ONLY IF NEEDED** to make a complete team from the same age group or younger to fill your team, but they **CANNOT** pitch.
7. High School pitching rules will be used. The distance is 40 feet, but they can pitch from 43 feet. Pitchers can take a step back, but **CANNOT** step over the plate and the ball must be delivered underhand.
8. 1 time out per inning. If 2 time outs are taken during one inning, coach will have to change pitchers. **NO STALLING**.
9. Younger girls need to pitch at least one inning.
10. If a pitch is thrown and it hits the ground before it hits the batter, it is a dead ball (Batter **WILL** advance to 1st base).
11. Third strike rule will be used.
*This rule applies when first base is open, or if there are two outs. If the batter strikes out (swinging or looking) and the catcher does not catch the pitch before it hits the ground, the batter can run to first base. If the batter fails to run, she can be called out when she enters the dugout.
12. A mercy rule will be used after **8 runs** have scored per inning, unless it is the last inning of the game and the team is making a comeback.
13. When the ball is close to any base and the players are trying or able to make a play on the runner, the runner must attempt to avoid the tag by sliding. Runners must slide on a forced play or they will be out.
14. Pitchers are required to wear masks.
15. Pitchers are required to pitch at least half the season to pitch in the tournament.

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