

**13+ Softball Rules**

**Minors**

1. Have Fun, Learn the game and respect each other

Equipment requirements:

* Facemask are required for pitchers, first and third but recommended for all others players
* All batters have to have a helmet with a face guard on it
* Catchers have to be in full Catchers gear (helmet, chest protector, and leg guards)
* 12'' hard softball will be used
* Only ASA/USSSA bats are allowed
* Rubber or metal cleats are allowed
* Jewelry is allowed. 1 necklace and earrings

3) Bases will be 60' and the pitching rubber will be 43' from home plate

4) Drop 3rd strike rule in effect. If a batter swings and misses on the 3rd strike but the catcher does not catch it or it goes by, the batter can advance to first.

5) Games shall be limited to 90 minutes. No new inning after 85 min

6) Nine (9) players should assume defensive positions on the field. Each team is allowed: (1) pitcher, (1) catcher, (4) infielders and (3) outfielders.

7) Teams playing with only (8) eight players shall NOT incur an automatic out when the 9th batting position arises. A team must have at least (8) eight players to start a game to count, but we will never cancel a game due to lack of players.

8) Once the ball is returned to the pitcher in the pitcher's circle, all base runners must either advance to the next base or return to the base they just came from immediately. Any hesitation or fake moves by the runner will be called out by the umpire.

9) Stealing is allowed and the runner can leave the base once the ball is out of the pitchers hand

10) Head first slides are permitted

11) Bunting is allowed

12) Infield fly rule will be used

13) Pitchers do not have a pitch restriction, although we highly recommend rotating to get more experience to other players

14) Sit Rule: Each player needs to sit once, before another player sits twice. Please Rotate

15) Home team will keep score on Game Changer

16) Pick up players: Pick up players are allowed, under the guidelines below, for purposes of avoiding forfeits and allowing kids to play ball.

* The spirit of the pickup player rule is intended to allow shorthanded teams the temporary use of other league players rather than forfeit the game. This rule is not, intended to be used as a tool to exclude regular members in favor of a more highly skilled player.
* Guidelines: A coach is authorized to add up to two pick up players per game, provided that:
  1. The pickup players have to currently play for Eagle Lake
  2. The pickup player has to play in a younger or equal division that isn't playing on the same night. Ex: A player can't miss their game to play another game.
  3. Pickup players can only play outfield and bat last.
  4. You can only pickup players if your team is less than 8 players.

Outside these rules, Eagle Lake follows the Babe Ruth Fast pitch Softball rules