

# Auburn Girls Softball League

## Prep League Game Rules:

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1. The National Federation of High School. Softball rules will be in effect for this league.
2. Exceptions to the National Federation of High School rules are as follows:
  - 2.1 Game Length:
    - 2.1.1 30 minutes or Five innings
    - 2.1.2 If there are double headers for a team, the games will drop to 30 minutes each for each of those games
    - 2.1.3 The next inning starts after the last batter bats and rounds the bases. (see Fielding: inning is over when)
    - 2.1.4 If the inning starts before the hour ends, the bottom half of the inning should be played.
  - 2.2 Batting:
    - 2.2.1 The batter and base runners and the on deck batter must wear a batting helmet.
    - 2.2.2 Offensive players not mentioned above are not permitted on the playing field.
    - 2.2.3 All players will bat off the tee.
    - 2.2.4 No coach pitch.
    - 2.2.5 The batting team will provide their own "adult coach" catcher.
    - 2.2.6 Every batter will hit the ball.
    - 2.2.7 The coach catcher should remove the batting-tee after the ball has been put into play.
    - 2.2.8 The last batter must round all of the bases before the pitcher or another defensive player touches home plate while in possession of the ball.
    - 2.2.9 More than three outs may be recorded in any half inning.
  - 2.3 Running The Bases:
    - 2.3.1 No base stealing.
    - 2.3.2 No leading off any base is permitted.
    - 2.3.3 Helmets must be worn at all times by base runners.
    - 2.3.4 The batting team should provide base coaches.
    - 2.3.5 Base coaches must not interfere with plays when the ball is in play.
    - 2.3.6 Base coaches may not assist base runners when the ball is in play.
  - 2.4 Fielding:
    - 2.4.1 All players will field positions:
    - 2.4.2 The girl in the pitching position must have at least one foot completely inside the pitchers circle.
    - 2.4.3 Two field coaches are to be on the field for defense set up and instructions.
    - 2.4.4 Field coaches should remain behind the base line and out of the way of the players and play.
    - 2.4.5 A play is considered over when any defensive player has possession of the ball inside of the pitchers circle.
    - 2.4.6 Runners cannot advance after the play is over.
    - 2.4.7 The inning is over when the last batter has either:
      - 2.4.7.1 Failed to hit the ball into play.
      - 2.4.7.2 Is called out and no other player is on base.
      - 2.4.7.3 A defensive player touches home plate and has possession of the ball.
      - 2.4.7.4 The last batter rounded all the bases without being called out.

Remember:

Keep it simple. Keep it fun. Encourage all players.