

**Lumpkin County
Parks and Recreation Department**

9 and Up Softball Rules



1. There will be a 5 run limit per inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first with the exception of the 6th inning for 9-10 and 11-12 or the 7th inning for 13-14 and 15-16, which are unlimited.
2. Catching equipment is mandatory.
3. Helmets with face masks and chin straps are mandatory.
4. Base distances: 60 ft for all ages.
5. Pitching distances: 9/10 is 35 ft, 11 & older is 40 ft.
6. ASA softball rules will be followed. Rule books will be provided by recreation department.
7. Games will have a 1 ½ hour time limit. No new inning will be started after time has expired. Ages 9 thru 12 play 6 innings and 13 and older play 7 innings.
8. Each player must play in the field at least 2 full innings by the end of the 4th inning. Free defensive substitution after the 4th inning.
9. Each team will bat a continuous line-up of all players who show up for the game, with the exception of a player who cannot or will not participate because of injury or other reason.
10. All age groups will have 9 defensive players. A team can play with 8 players, however, the 9th batter will be considered an out.
11. ASA fast pitch bat restrictions will apply.
12. An 11" core 47 ball will be used for 9/10 division. A 12" core 47 ball will be used for 11 years and older.
13. Scorebooks will be provided for each team. The home team will be the official book. Visiting team will keep the scoreboard.
14. Run rule: 15 runs after 3rd inning, 12 runs after 4th inning and 8 runs after 5th inning.
15. Coaches are responsible for making sure that all rules are followed.
16. The tie breaker rule will be used if a game is tied at the end of regulation play or time limit.
17. Visiting team will start the new inning with a base runner on 2nd base. The base runner will be the last batter from the previous inning. The home team will do the same in the bottom half of the inning. This procedure will be followed in each inning until a winner is determined.
18. Championship is determined by the following:
 - a. Overall season record.
 - b. Head to head record.
 - c. Championship game if a tie occurs.

***** RULE VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN FORFEIT OF GAME *****