

## **PONYTAILS**

**Ages:** 11,12 and 13 years old by July 31 of the current year

**Length of Games:** 7 innings or time

**Dimensions:** bases 60', foul line 145', centerfield 160', pitcher's plate 40', pitchers circle 8' radius

**Bat Sizes:** 32" or under. Bats must have ASA 2000 or 2004 stamp, USA Softball Certified Stamp.

All personal bats must be approved by the commissioner.

**Balls:** 12" Softball

### **Playing Rules**

1. NFHS Softball rules, with the exceptions and variations of FJBC rules and regulations listed below.
2. Games start at 6:00 pm and end at 7:50 pm. The 1st siren will sound at 7:50 pm. No new inning will begin after 7:50 pm. The 2nd siren will sound at 8:10 pm. All play stops at 8:10 pm. If the final inning of the game is not completed by 8:10 pm the score will revert back to the score from the end of the previous inning.
3. An inning (except 7th inning) ends and a new inning starts the moment 3 outs are made or 5 runs have scored. The 7th inning ends after the visiting team completes its half of the inning and the home team is ahead or the 7th inning is completed.
4. Each team will field 9 players, but not less than 8.
5. All players will bat the entire game; the batting order cannot be changed.
6. The Open Substitution/re-entry rule applies. No player may sit out more than 2 consecutive innings.
7. Batters will wear a helmet with a facemask approved by the league.
8. If a home run is hit over the fence all runners preceding the batter will count even if more than 5 runs score. There are unlimited runs in the 7th inning.
9. Prior to starting the delivery (pitch), the pitcher shall take a position with the pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate. The non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate. Both feet must be on the ground, within or partially within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate.
10. The circle rule will apply. See "Circle Rule" handout.
11. There is a 4-inning limit to the number of innings a pitcher may pitch per game. 1 pitch by a player will be considered an inning pitched
12. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one inning or 4 batters in one game, they will be relieved of that position for the remainder of the game.
13. The third strike rule: hot plate is in effect.
14. Home can be stolen.
15. The infield fly rule does apply.
16. Base runners cannot leave the base until the pitcher releases the ball. If the runner leaves early, the runner is out.
17. All runners must slide to avoid contact in all close plays. (Umpire judgment)
18. No Jewelry.
19. No steel cleats.
20. No pregnant players. See Official Rules & Policies, Section VI.

**Disclaimer:** All players, coaches and spectators must follow all Federal, State, Local and FJBC Covid 19 guidelines.

**ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE TURNED IN ON TEAMS LAST GAME**