

Elk City Girls' Summer Softball League Rules

1. All divisions will follow NFHS rules except as specified below.
2. All age divisions will be determined by the player's age as of December 31st of the prior year. Starting with 2002 season.
3. The only drop dead time limit is for 6 & U only for league play only, not tournament play. All other age divisions if time expires, the inning must be completed if needed, but a tie can happen if both teams get to bat the same number of innings. Time cannot expire between innings, if time is remaining at end of inning, a new inning must be started.
4. All umpires are required to wear a protective face mask while calling behind the plate in all divisions 10U and older.
5. All players must be registered on team's official roster filed with the league registrar.
6. Ejection from the game: if you are ejected from a game, you must leave the complex for the rest of the day. The board will be notified of ejection and review the ejection. If a suspension is deemed necessary, the board will determine the length of the suspension. This rule will apply to coaches, players and fans.
7. Metal cleats are not allowed!
8. All Divisions: At the umpire's discretion, any player can be removed from their position if the umpire deems it necessary due to the issue of player safety.
9. All out of town teams must submit a player roster with birth certificates and pay league entry fees before being added to the league schedule. The board will have a copy of all team rosters to verify all players, and ages.
10. We will use the double base on first base for all league and tournament play. The offensive player must run to the orange (colored base) base after hitting the ball. As long as there is no play at first base the player may use the white base and continue to second base. After the play has been stopped the offensive player will start from the white base. The defensive player must use the white base [and only the white base] to make her play at first base.
11. Face masks are required on ALL batting helmets for ALL age divisions.
12. Protests---will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment call on the part of an umpire. Examples of protest that will not be considered are:

- a.) Whether a batted ball was fair or foul
 - b.) Whether a runner was out or safe.
 - c.) Whether a ball was a strike or a ball.
 - d.) Whether a pitch was legal or illegal
 - e.) Whether a runner did or did not touch a base.
13. The coach of the protesting team shall immediately notify the home plate umpire that the game is being played under protest. The umpire shall then notify the opposing coach and the scorekeeper. Play shall then resume and the board will act on the appeal of the protest after the game has been completed. The decision of the board members present will be final and will stand.
14. All teams will be ready to play at the scheduled game time or immediately following the previous game. No teams are required to start before the scheduled game time unless both teams are in agreement. Line-ups shall be exchanged between coaches prior to game time. **Home and Visitor team will be designated on the schedule. No pre game coin flips will occur.**
15. At scheduled game time there will be -NO INFIELD WARM-UPS OR WAITING ON PLAYERS.
16. ALL DIVISIONS: Open defensive substitutions will be allowed in league play only.
17. In addition to the rules stated above, each age division has an additional set of rules specific to that age group.