



The Ranch Girls Softball

Playing Rules and Season Format

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Scope

This document describes the league specific rules and season format for The Ranch Girls Softball (TRGSL) recreational softball. The information stated below must be followed for all local recreational play. All divisions follow standard USA Softball rules except as noted in this document.

TRGSL teams participating in interleague play must follow the rules set by the interleague organizer. However, all minimum play and safety rules will apply.

6U (Tee Ball) Division

Playing Rules

6U Tee-Ball Regulations			
Time Limit	4 innings or 1:15	Coach Pitch	Begins mid-season; tee is used after 5 pitches
Inning	Each player must complete 1 at bat per inning All runners must touch home at the end of the inning	Coach on Field	2 coaches allowed in the infield or outfield
Advancing Bases	Maximum one base per batter No put outs for the first 2 games of the season	Thrown Bat	Out after first warning is given
Defense	Outfield: no limit Infield: 1 pitcher, 3 between 1B/2B, 3 between 2B/3B No player with 40 ft of home plate (except pitcher)	Minimum play	No more than 3 innings in the infield per game
Foul Ball	Declared when tee is hit or Batted ball does not travel more than 5 ft	Catcher	None permitted
Steals	No permitted	Equipment	10" RIF Softball Fielding Mask required
Distance	Base paths: 60 ft Pitching Rubber: 30 ft	Infield Fly	Not enforced

Additional Guidelines

- This is an instructional division with no umpires present
- All calls will be decided among head coaches only
- Pitcher must keep both feet on the pitcher's rubber until the ball is hit
- Teams are strongly encouraged to work on getting outs at the bases as opposed to the pitcher running home and touching home plate for the force out

8u Regulations

Time Limit	5 Innings or 1:20 no new / 1:30 drop dead	Base on Balls	3 Coach Pitches <u>After</u> <u>mid-season</u> : Walk; coach pitch on bases loaded
Max Runs	3 per inning	Hit by Pitch	"Ball" unless batter is visibly distraught
Steals	One base per pitch; no stealing home	Minimum play	Must play at least 2 innings on defense (1 infield) May not pitch more than 2 innings consecutively
Defense	6 Player Minimum 4 infield, 4 outfield, pitcher & catcher	Equipment	10" League supplied softball Fielding mask required.
Pitching Distance	30 ft	Infield Fly	Not enforced

8U Division

Additional Guidelines

- Outfielders must start in the outfield (on the grass)
- Coach must pitch from the pitcher's plate

10U and 12U Divisions

The Ranch Girls Softball Upper Division Regulations		
	10U	12U
Time Limit	6 innings or 1:20 no new / 1:30 drop dead	1:20 no new / 1:30 drop dead
Pitching Distance	35 feet	40 feet
Max runs	4 per inning	5 per inning
Minimum Play	Must bat-around 2 innings on defense, 1 in the infield	
Pitching	May not pitch more than 2 innings consecutively	2 pitchers per game recommended, but not required. Will be based on pitching depth per team.
Infield Fly	Enforced	
Equipment	11" League Supplied Softball Fielding masks required	12" league supplied softball Fielding masks required

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14U Division

The 14U division participates in Interleague Play (Super League). Teams must follow the rules published by the Super League with the following exceptions:

- TRGSL must use “bat-around” in regular season games
- Each player must play at least 2 innings on defense, one in the infield
- All infielders are strongly encouraged to wear fielding masks

Safety and Fair Play

- Coaches are responsible for knowing and understanding the rules

- Fielding masks
 - Required for all positions in 6U/8U/10U/12U divisions
 - 14U will follow Super League Rules
- On a play at home plate, players must slide or otherwise avoid contact or they will be called out
- A player may not lean into a pitch in order to induce a hit-by-pitch
- All calls made by the umpires are final
- There is no “protest” rule

Season Format

- All teams must bat-around for all games, including playoffs
- Regular season games may end in a tie
- At “Drop Dead” time, the score reverts to the previous inning, unless the home team is ahead or the game is tied
- Home team is responsible for reporting game results
- Seeding for the end of season tournament is determined by random draw
- Playoff game times and time limits will be provided to coaches at the end of the regular season