

# Red River Softball Association – 2026 League Rules – 12U and 15U

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1. **FIELD DIMENSIONS:**
  - a. Bases – 60 feet
  - b. Pitcher's plate – 40' (12U) 43' (14U)
  - c. Pitcher Circle – 8-foot radius around pitching plate
2. **GAME:** 6 innings or 75-minute time limit
3. **INNING RUN RULE:** 5 runs
4. **GAME ENDING RUN RULE:** 15 after 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 after 4<sup>th</sup>, or 8 after 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. **OFFENSIVE:**
  - a. Continuous batting order of all players.
  - b. For 12U, Continuous batting order of all players during regular season play. For End of Season and Allstar play, teams are permitted to bat from 9 players up to their entire roster. Substitution rules from NFHS will apply (this includes DP/FLEX)
  - c. For 15U, the team is permitted to bat from 9 players up to their entire roster through the entire season including all tournaments. Substitution rules from NFHS will apply. (this includes DP/FLEX)
  - d. There will be an out recorded for each player less than 9. (8 players= 1 out, 7 players= 2 outs) This out will be recorded when the 8<sup>th</sup> and or 9<sup>th</sup> player would be up to bat.
  - e. Safety Bag must be in place at first base.
  - f. Players arriving after the umpire has started the game will be entered at the end of the batting order.
  - g. **A "courtesy" runner will be allowed for an injured player, pitcher, or catcher and will be the batter who made the last out. Under no other circumstance will a "courtesy" runner be allowed.**
  - h. **"Look back rule"** the play will be called dead and the runner declared OUT. (There is no warning for this) NOTE: This is to be the judgement of the umpire and is NOT debatable.
6. **DEFENSIVE:**
  - a. Nine (9) players in the field (3 outfielders).
  - b. Seven (7) players minimum to field a team. NOTE: the Missing 8<sup>th</sup> player and 9<sup>th</sup> player will be recorded as an automatic out as stated above.
  - c. **All infield players must wear face mask**
7. **ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW:** Regular USA rules.
8. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Allowed.
9. **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME:** See RRSA Rules (G).
10. **BUNTING:** Allowed.
11. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** Applicable.
12. **STOPPING OF PLAY:** At the discretion of the umpire.
13. **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:** Regular USA rules.
14. **BASE STEALING:** Allowed.
15. **BASE RUNNER:** The base runner must maintain contact with the base until the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Any violation will result in the base runner being declared out.
16. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:** Town commissioners will be responsible for keeping win loss record for the purpose of All Stars. See General Rules for explanation.
17. **BALL SIZE:** Twelve (12) inch official ASA softball.
18. **ABBREVIATED GAMES:** In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be ruled official if the losing team has batted at least four (4) complete innings. The score will revert to the last complete inning to determine the winner. If four (4) full innings have not been completed, the game will be declared a suspended game. See RRSA Rules and Regulations (J).
19. **COACH ROLE:**
  - a. Only the **HEAD** coach may address the umpire during the game. If a play is to be asked about it **MUST** be done by only the head coach. The umpire will **NOT** address anyone other than the head coach. Violation of this rule **CAN** result in the assistant coach being ejected from the game.