

Pulaski Youth Organization

Girls Softball Tournament

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- Final Roster must be turned into tournament director 30 minutes before your first game – NO changes can be made after this time. All players must be from the same school or school district and a player may play on only one team in the Pulaski Tournament.
- Roster is limited to 15 players who have not reached their 13th birthday before January 1, 2011. Coaches must have available copies of birth certificates for proof of age, if requested by the tournament committee. Games in which an ineligible player has been used will be declared a forfeit.
- Home team decided by a coin flip. Teams need to communicate lineup changes and compare books. Home team is official scorebook keeper.
- Each game will be 6 innings. No new inning may start later than 1 hour, 15 minutes after the game's official starting time. There is no time limit for the Championship Game. The official starting time must be announced by the umpire, agreed upon by the head coaches and recorded by the official scorer (home team's book is official). In case of inclement weather, games and/or tournament format may be shortened at sole discretion of the tournament committee.
- Please keep the games moving. An intentional stall, as deemed by the umpire or a tournament committee member, may result in forfeiture of the game.
- Pitchers are limited to 4 innings per game. A single pitch constitutes a complete inning for that pitcher. Pitchers will pitch from 40 feet, and will be allowed 4 warm-up pitches between innings. A new pitcher will be allowed a maximum of 8 warm-up pitches. If the pitcher is stalling, in the umpire's judgment, play will be resumed.
- Trips to the mound may not exceed one trip per pitcher per inning.
- Third strike is an automatic out. A caught third strike foul tip is out.
- During the preliminary games, if tied after regulation or tied after time limit has expired, only one extra inning will be played. If still tied at the end of the extra inning, the game will be recorded as a tie (½ win ½ loss). Championship games (wild card, semi finals and finals) will continue play until there is a winner. When extra innings are required, the international tiebreaker will be used. Last completed batter will start at second base. (This inning is not considered a regulation inning.) Once a pitcher has pitched 3 innings she will not be allowed to re-enter the game.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher and the pitcher, immediately following their at bat. After the next pitch, that option is gone. The courtesy runner will be the last player to record an out.
- Bunting is allowed.
- No infield fly rule.
- Teams may play with up to 10 defensive players. 6 infielders (including pitcher position), 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be beyond the outfield line until the ball crosses the plate. 9 players are required to start a game and 8 players are needed to complete a game. A team can play with 8, but must take an out in the 9th batting spot. 7 or less players at any time results in a forfeit. A 5 minute grace period will be provided by the umpire prior to calling a forfeit. Lineups must be provided to the official scorer at least

15 minutes before the scheduled start of each game. All players present on roster will bat in lineup, with late arrivals being added to the bottom of the lineup. Free defensive substitution.

- Runners may steal 2nd or 3rd base at any time. They can steal home only if played upon. Players may lead off/steal after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- Look-back rule is in play: When the defensive team has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle in any live ball situation, runners on base have one second to either advance to the next base or return to the previous base.
- Sliding is required if a play is being made upon a runner. It is the umpire's judgment whether or not a play is being made, and if sliding is necessary. A runner who does not slide will be called out. Runners should attempt to slide feet first on all close plays at any base (including a runner returning to first base after safely getting there, but not the initial play at first). A runner is out if she runs into a player trying to make a tag or tries to knock the ball loose. In a rundown, the base runner must remain in the baseline while trying to avoid the tag or she will be called out.
- Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward an opposing team or official will not be tolerated. No chanting. Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Unsportsmanlike activity can lead to ejection without warning by a tournament committee member or umpire.
- Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their dugout after the game.
- Seeding bracket tie breakers after preliminary games.
 - Head to head competition.
 - Total runs allowed.
 - Total runs scored.
 - Coin flip.
- All decisions of head umpire are FINAL.
- The tournament directors reserve the right to change any of the rules previously listed.
- WIAA fast pitch softball rules will be followed unless listed above.
- Concessions will be provided. Please NO Carry ins.
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