



# Fox League Rules

Grades 7, 8, & 9

## U.G.S.A. Rules

- Time Limit-1 hour 15 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first.  
**Mercy Rules:** 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings and 8 runs after five innings.
- The infield fly rule does apply to the Fox League.
- Bunting is allowed.
- A batter may advance on a dropped third strike.
- Any Fox player, who receives a base on balls, may advance beyond first base at her own risk. They will be declared out, however, if they stop between bases while the pitcher is holding the ball within the 8-ft. radius circle.
- The base runners shall not leave their bases until the pitcher releases the ball to the batter. Any runners that leave too early will be called out. The pitched ball then becomes a dead ball.
- We encourage all players to slide to avoid collisions and contact. If a player does not slide and the umpire feels that interference occurred as a result of such conduct, the runner is out.
- All helmets must have a face mask that meets national safety standards.
- Pitching distance will be 43 feet.
- Metal cleats are allowed in Fox.

## Saratoga Springs Softball Rules

- At the 70 minute mark, the current inning will be completed with no new innings added. The only exception is if the home team is batting at the 70 minute mark, and CANNOT score the necessary runs to win the game, the game will end. Otherwise, the game will continue until the home team either scores the winning run or 3 outs are achieved.
- There will be a 6 run offensive limit. The last play will be live. This will allow more than 6 runs to be scored. Once the play is completed teams will switch.
- If the game is called for weather or other reasons, the team ahead is declared the winner if 3 or more equal innings have been completed or if 40 minutes of game time has elapsed.
- Games can end in a tie.
- DURING TOURNAMENT ONLY-When a game is tied at the end of regulation innings or the expiration of the time limit, the game will be decided by an international tie-breaker. The runner will be the last out of the previous inning and will begin on second base.
- No automatic out will be in effect if there are 8 or more players (7 players would constitute one automatic out)
- All players will bat regardless of whether or not they play in the field.
- The Home Team will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and will have last at-bat.
- Keep it positive, keep it fun!



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