

2021 15U Softball Rules

Preseason/Rosters

1. Players must be 15 yrs. of age or younger as of and including January 1, 2021.
2. Rosters must be turned into the President of the league before the first game. No Roster changes after they have been submitted. Rosters must include:
 - a. All Coaches' names and phone numbers
 - b. Player's full name, age and date of birth
 - c. League Fees must be turned prior to the first game. (Refer to Rule 22)
3. Any players 12 and under must play in at least one regular season game to eligible for tournament. If the eligibility of the player can not be proven the most recent tournament game will be considered a forfeit.

Field/Ball/Umpire Guidelines

4. Bases are set at 60ft.
5. Pitchers' mound is set at 43ft. with a circle measuring 16ft. across.
6. The balls are to be yellow 12in. restricted flight with 47 core (375lb. compression).
7. The batter's box is required and should measure 3ft. by 7ft. and be 6in. from home plate. It is not necessary to make up a catcher's box.
8. Umpiring
 - a. Home teams are to hire 2 adults to umpire.
 - b. It is preferred that the home plate umpire be a registered OHSAA umpire.
 - c. Knowing the difficulty of finding umpires, teams can utilize juniors or seniors in high school for the bases.
 - d. Umpires are to have a copy of the rules prior to the start of the game.
 - e. No parent/coach/relative is to umpire unless necessary. Both coaches must agree.
 - f. Plate umpire should keep track of score after each inning to be sure both books agree.

Games

9. During regular season all games must start NO LATER then 8:30pm.
10. Home teams provide umpires and 2 game balls.

Game Rules

11. Games are 7 innings in length.
12. A 10-run rule will be in effect after 5 innings or after 4 ½ innings if home team is ahead.
13. Base runners are to avoid intentional contact at all times. In case of question, umpires are to follow the OHSAA/National Federation Rule Book.
14. Pitching:
In accordance with OHSAA rules.

15. Any rule not covered is to follow the National Federation Rule Book.

Rainout/Cancelled Games

16. Rainout Games:
- In case of a rainout, the home team must notify the opposing team.
 - In the event of rain, a game that is called before 4 complete innings have been played must be started where the game left off.
 - Regardless of the inning, if lightning is spotted, the game must be stopped. Follow OHSAA lightning rules.
 - Try to avoid forfeits at all cost. Any games cancelled must be made up A.S.A.P. Make up games must be made up before the start of the tournament or no later than June 27th.

Post Game

17. The home team coach must report the final score of the game to the President of the League after each game by text. Lynne Miller 419-203-1976

League Standings/League Tournament

18. The league champion will be determined solely on the team who finishes with the best overall record.
19. Individual trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams in league & tournament.
20. The tournament brackets will be completed by the Sunday prior to the tournament or as soon as all games have been reported played. Teams will be notified as soon as possible once brackets are completed.
21. All tournament games have a 30-minute grace period. If a team is not ready to play after the 30 minutes, the game will be considered forfeited.
22. League Tournament: A single elimination tournament will be held in the city, which the league president is from. Tournament is scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 29th. The tournament fee is \$150.00 and tournament site host will provide 2 game balls. The fees are for the cost of trophies and umpires for the league tournament.

Please make check payable to: **Willshire Youth Activities**

(check should be turned in prior to 1st game) by mailing to: Lynne Miller
PO Box 186
Willshire, OH 45898

League President/Tournament Rotation

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| 1. 2021 Willshire | 6. 2026 Middle Point |
| 2. 2022 Wren | 7. 2027 Ohio City |
| 3. 2023 Convoy | 8. 2028 Rockford |
| 4. 2024 Grover Hill | 9. 2029 Spencerville |
| 5. 2025 Mendon | 10. 2030 Van Wert |

A word document has been created to pass on the rules from year to year by email so that they may be adjusted accordingly.