

## 2015 Girls Cross-Town Softball League Rule Reference Chart

(ESAA / Evanston / Morton Grove / Niles / Norwood Park / Oriole Park / Lincolnwood / Park Ridge / Skokie Youth / Skokie Indians)

League / Ages (as of 2014-15 school year)	K - 2 GRADE 6-8 yrs.	3 - 4 GRADE 9-10 yrs.	5 - 6 GRADE 11-12 yrs.	7 - 8 GRADE 13-14 yrs.
<b>General Rules</b>				
<b>Minimum # of Players</b>	6 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against
<b>Ball</b>	11" Incrediball	11" Softball	12" Softball	12" Softball
<b>Length of Bases</b>	50 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.
<b>Pitching distance</b>	30 ft.	35 ft.	40 ft.	43 ft.
<b>Regulation Games</b>	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings
<b>Game Limits</b>	1 hour 30 minutes or 6 innings	Reg. Season - 2 Hours	Reg. Season - Darkness	Reg. Season - Darkness
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	None	None	10 runs after 4 innings	10 runs after 5 innings
<b>Number of Fielders</b>	10, including Short Center who must begin with feet in outfield grass	10, including Short Center who must begin with feet in outfield grass	10, with 4 outfielders	9
<b>Inning Ends</b>	3 outs, batting order, or 5 runs, whichever 1st. (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 7th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)
<b>Overthrows</b>	No extra base	No extra base	Only 1 extra base	Advance as many bases at runners own risk
<b>Hitting / Bases</b>				
<b>Number of Batters</b>	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
<b>Bunting</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Dropped 3rd Strike</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Stealing</b>	No	No	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> base only, after ball crosses the plate. Runners can't advance on overthrows on a steal.	Any base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
<b>Hit by Pitch</b>	No Base	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce, if coach not pitching	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce,	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce,
<b>Lead-offs</b>	No	After ball crosses the plate	After ball crosses the plate	After ball leaves the pitcher's hand
<b>Pitching (No Step back allowed at any level)</b>				
<b>Coach Pitch</b>	7 total pitches. Kids can pitch as many attempts as the coach allows from 30 ft.	Coach pitch after ball 4. Strike count remains the same and coach is allowed a max of 3 pitches. The at-bat continues if 3 <sup>rd</sup> pitch or any pitch thereafter is fouled off.	No	No
<b>Inning Limits</b>	3 innings	3 innings/game 12 innings/week	3 innings/game 12 innings/week	4 innings/game 12 innings/week 16 innings in playoffs
<b>Walks</b>	No	No	Yes (No intentional walks)	Yes
<b>Hit Batter - Remove Pitcher</b>	N/A	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game
<b>Special Notes</b>	Kids pitch to their own team. When they pitch, they move to bottom of the batting order.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings per game.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 2 innings per game.	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings per game.