



2026 13u Rules

1. Game length shall be 6 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes. Run rule shall be 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, or 8 runs after 5 innings. **MERCY RULE** - If a team bats through the lineup in an inning, an out will be recorded. If that makes the third out, that will conclude that half of the inning and teams will switch sides.
2. Pitching distance shall be 40 ft**. and base distance shall be 60 ft.
3. Infield fly and dropped 3rd strike will be used and bunting will be allowed.
4. If the game is tied at the end of regulation the tie breaker rule will be used in league and tournament (e.g. If the current spot in the lineup occupies spot 4, the current batter in spot 3 will start the inning on 2nd base, not necessarily the last out from the previous inning).
5. **NO** metal cleats will be worn in this league. Other jewelry such as earrings or deemed dangerous by the umpire shall be removed unless it's for medical purposes then must be taped.

Masks are REQUIRED for all pitchers.

6. A coin flip by the umpire will decide the home team. Game time will begin at the first warm up pitch. If you are not able to field a team of 7 roster players or 8 players total it will go as a forfeit. Teams can still play as is but it's still a loss for the shorthanded team. If a team plays with only 8 players an out will be taken in the 9th spot. If a team cannot field 9 players due to an injury during the game an out will be taken in every spot in the lineup less than 9. You may borrow players from within this league or 10U if you have less than 9 but these players must play the outfield and bat at the end of the order and must be replaced at the end of the inning if the original team member arrives. All players and available subs should be listed on the lineup. **DO NOT GET SUBS FROM OTHER TEAMS AND BENCH YOUR OWN PLAYERS UNLESS THEY ARE INJURED.** During the tournament if you are shorthanded you may only borrow subs from 10u.
7. **FREE SUBSTITUTION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** Players can re-enter one time as long as they occupy their original spot in the lineup. Different subs should be used each night if you have more than 9 players. Players should not sit the bench more than one or two innings in this league. Coach should notify the plate umpire when subs enter or re-enter and the umpire will notify the other coach or scorekeeper. Players not involved in the



game may serve as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher in that inning. If you only have 9 players and a base runner gets hurt you can use your last out but if she is not able to return to the game an out will be taken in that spot.

8. You may bat your entire roster. Players not starting on defense need to be listed as "EP" in the lineup. If a player is injured, the team will not be required to take an out unless it brings the lineup to less than 9 players. Skip over the injured player and continue. If the injury brings the team to less than 9 players, an out will be taken for the injured player's position in the lineup.

If only batting 9, list extra players as SUBS, not EP.

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Rule 4, Section 1C [1c]: When batting up to all roster players, any additional batters shall be listed as an EP and may be listed anywhere in the batting order and may play defense at any position.

9. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch 3 of the first 6 innings but no more than 2 consecutive innings. After the 6th inning any pitcher may be used. If a pitcher enters at any point of an inning and throws a pitch that will count as one full inning. Starting or new pitchers will be allowed 5 warm up pitches and returning pitchers will be allowed 3 warmups. A player warming up a pitcher must wear a catching helmet. Only a total of 2 trips/conferences to the mound will be allowed in a 6 inning game. On the 3rd request for a conference the pitcher will be pulled. Any further requests for a defensive conference shall not be granted.
10. Stealing bases including home is allowed but the runner can be called out for leaving the base before the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. Runners can advance bases on an overthrow as long as the ball is in live ball territory until it is controlled by the pitcher in the circle. If the runner is between bases once the ball is controlled by the pitcher in the circle they must immediately advance one way or the other or they could be called out for hesitating unless the pitcher plays on the runner. If the ball is overthrown and goes into the dead ball area the umpire should declare dead ball and the runners should be awarded one base plus one from the time of the throw. Coaches should work with their players on sliding at bases, especially home plate if it's a close play to avoid a crash. Runners should not be called out for not sliding but can be called out for crashing into the fielder in possession of the ball. Fielders cannot block the base if not in possession of the ball or umpire could rule obstruction. Batters need to get out of the way on a play at the plate or could be called out for interference.



11. If the city has the red flag flying behind the boys field the boys field there will be no games for that night. If there is lightning before or during your game pull the girls off the field and wait at least 30 minutes. Your commissioner will notify you if there is a delayed start or if games are canceled. Note what time you stopped and all other information and your game will resume from where it stopped unless 3 ½ or 4 innings have been completed and the home team is ahead then it will be considered a complete game.

Weather conditions will also be updated via TeamSnap, Facebook and our website <https://geringgirlssoftball.com>

11. Umpire decision is final on all judgment calls such as balls & strikes, fair or foul or safe & out and whether it was or was not infield fly, interference or obstruction. No protests can be made on these types of calls. Arguing judgment calls will not be tolerated. First offense will result in a warning and after that you will be ejected. If you do not leave the field your team will forfeit and you will appear in front of the board to be reinstated before your next game. Any foul language heard from the bench or towards the umpires will result in an ejection. The umpires are in charge of the game, you are not. Your job is to coach your team. Coaches need to help control parents if necessary. The umpires are human and will make mistakes as do coaches and players. Please encourage them and thank them. Please show good sportsmanship and remember, it's only a game!

No hitting balls into the fences per City of Gering. Keep all gear behind the fence and out of play during the game. Coaches need to stay in the dugout area while on defense. Helmets will be worn by batters and base runners during practices and games.

Tournament rules: All above rules and run rules will apply. No changes will be made before the tournament and championship game (or during the regular season) unless approved by the board.

PICK UP ALL TRASH AROUND YOUR DUGOUT AFTER GAMES!

Coaches text your scores to Dave Fliam at 308.672.1313.