

# Wakefield Youth Softball

## 12U Division Rules - 2025

- 6 inning game.
- No new inning can start after 1:45 has elapsed from the time the home team takes their positions in the field (i.e. not a hard stop at 7:30)
- If a game is halted due to weather or other circumstances, any game in which 4 innings have been played (or 3 ½ innings assuming the home team has the lead) will be considered complete – for any halted game that has not reached this point, the game will be resumed at the point in which the game was halted (including elapsed time, pitching limits, etc)
- Games CAN end in a tie
- Bunting allowed
- Infield Fly rule in effect
- Dropped 3 rd strike is in effect
- Runners cannot leave base until the pitched ball is released.
- 5 Run Max per inning;
- Continuation rule in effect, play is dead when the pitcher has the ball in the pitching circle or it is otherwise apparent the play has ended.
- 6<sup>th</sup> inning, must get 3 outs (i.e. Unlimited runs in the 6th inning)
- Outfielders must be positioned in the outfield to start any play
- Pitcher, 1st Base and 3rd Base must wear Fielders Masks (no exceptions); all other positional players are encouraged to wear Fielders Masks
- Players must slide or avoid contact on close plays; Ruled Out at Umpires discretion
- Pitcher may pitch up to 4 innings or 12 outs per game
- Pitchers shall be removed from game after either hitting 3 batters in an inning or 5 total in game
- Regular Season Champion will be determined by best overall record. (Tiebreakers: Head-to-head record, Runs against, Run differential, coin toss)

### PLAYOFFS:

- o Games are 6 innings; no time limit
- o Games CANNOT end in a tie
- o Utilize Regular Season Local Rules
- o Last inning, must get 3 out