

**SOFTBALL**  
**Junior League**  
**(13-14 year-olds)**

1. Continuous batting orders with free substitutions may be used if both teams agree prior to the beginning of the game. If not, then Little League rules are used for substitution and all players must play 2 innings in the field of a full game and bat at least once.
2. Stealing bases is permitted; runners may leave their base after the ball has left the pitcher's hand.
3. After hitting the ball into the field of play a player may take as many bases as possible until the ball is possessed by the pitcher inside the pitcher's circle. If the runner is in between bases they must immediately advance or retreat to the nearest base.
4. Any team may start and play with 8 players, anything less than 8 players is considered a forfeit.
5. During season play, teams may borrow from other teams if necessary. The players must play the outfield and bat at the end of the order. Borrowed players **MUST** be Junior League age or below; a player from a division above may not play down. **Borrowed players MUST be registered with the Pike County Little League.**
6. No game shall have more than 7 innings.
7. Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings.
8. Time limit is 1 hour and 45 minutes.
9. If at the end of the time limit the score is tied, it shall be a tie game in regular season play.
10. Base paths are 60 feet.
11. A total of 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout at a time per team.
12. Jewelry is not permitted at any times, except medical tags. You will be asked to remove any jewelry. This includes rings, necklaces, and earrings.
13. **Bat: USA stamp, 34 inches or less.**
14. Pitching distance is 43 feet from home plate.

