

Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association 2018 Rules and Regulations

The following games rules and regulations shall be official for all league games:

1. Any player who is a registered player on any select fastpitch team will not be allowed to pitch on any Centralia Girls' Softball league team.
2. The official ball shall be that ball sanctioned by USA Softball. (Previously ASA.)
3. Home team shall provide two (2) game balls. Arrangements for the furnishing of balls to the teams for league games shall be decided by the league the teams register with. The umpire shall be judge of the fitness of all balls in play.
4. The umpire shall not allow teams to stall awaiting the return of a foul ball. The pitcher shall be instructed to pitch at least once, the ball that was given to her by the umpire when the other has left the field.
5. The player who is next at bat shall always occupy the on deck circle.
6. There shall not be games or practices on fields that are unplayable.
7. Teams, during the course of the regular season, that have difficulty fielding a minimum of 10 players for a game may pick up a player from a team in the same division or the division directly below for the purpose of playing in a game. *14U teams can also look at their local high school's JV team. The pick-up player(s) is/are not allowed to pitch during the game. A maximum of two (2) pick-up players are allowed per team per game. Teams using pick-up players shall not have a game line-up of more than 10 players. At no time should a rostered player sit so a pick-up player can play. Teams using pick-up players must inform their opponent prior to the game and provide them with the specific players/ identities and the identity of the team the players were picked up from. Proof of ASA insurance must be shown.

There shall be certain standards of conduct expected of every member. No player, manager, coach, parent, or any other person connected with a team shall commit any of the following violations:

- Lay hands on the umpire or insult, degrade or verbally abuse him or her.
- Delay the game with stalling tactics.
- Use profane or abusive language.
- No sunflower, seeds with shells, within the softball complex.
- Engage in a fight or argument with a player, coach, spectator or official.
- Smoke anywhere within the softball complex. This includes e-cigarettes.
- Be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during a practice or game.

**Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association
2018 Rules—T-Ball Division**

1. The official ball shall be a safety ball, eleven (11) inches in diameter.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. A minimum of three (3) innings will be played. No new inning shall start after ninety (90) minutes from the start of any game.
4. Each team must field a properly equipped catcher.
5. The batting order shall consist of all team members present.
6. Teams will field all members of the team that are present unless both teams agree otherwise (i.e. injury).
7. No bunting is allowed.
8. Each player will get a maximum of 5 attempts to hit the ball off a tee into the field of play or she is out.
9. *There is no coach pitch at the T-Ball level. *Since this rule has changed after the teams were set, for this year only, players can hit coach pitch if they'd like. Three (3) attempts off the coach, then they move to the T.*
10. Runners may not leave the base until the ball has been hit.
11. When a player is put out on the bases or put out from a fly ball or a tag, the player must return to the dugout and be out. Though outs don't count because the whole line-up bats, players need to learn what outs are.
12. A player can run a maximum of two (2) bases while the ball is still in play.
13. There will be a base race between the two teams at the end of each game.

**Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association
2018 Rules—8 & Under Division**

1. The official ball shall be a safety ball, eleven (11) inches in diameter.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate shall be thirty-five (35) feet.
4. The batting order will consist of all team members present. If a player is injured, she can be removed from the batting line-up and will not be counted as an out.
5. *Coach shall pitch to his or her own players while at bat. Coach will pitch a maximum of 5 pitches to each player. If she cannot hit the coach pitch, she will have three (3) attempts to hit off the T. If she is unable to hit the ball into play, she is out.*
6. Any runner can be called out due to force or tag and will be expected to leave the bases. However, outs per inning are not tallied and each team will bat through their entire roster each inning.
7. Teams will field a maximum of ten (10) players and must field a minimum of eight (8) players in order to play. Less than eight (8) players will constitute a forfeit of the game.
8. No bunting allowed.
9. *Games shall be a minimum of three (3) innings and a maximum of five (5). No new inning shall start after ninety (90) minutes from the start of any game.*
10. Every attempt will be made to play each team member an equal amount of time, although an exception may be made for health or disciplinary reasons. The opposing coach is to be notified as to a reason for non-playing of the player, prior to the start of the game or as the situation arises.
11. A player can run a maximum of two (2) bases while the ball is still in play.
12. No stealing allowed.
13. The dropped third strike rule shall not be in play.
14. There will be a base race between the two teams at the end of each game.
15. All other USA rules shall apply.

Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association
2018 Rules—10 & Under Division

1. The official ball shall be eleven (11) inches in diameter.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. *The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate shall be thirty-five (35) feet. Pitchers are encouraged to begin play with both feet on the rubber, as USA rules state. However, realizing that many players are inexperienced, this rule will not be enforced. The pitcher must remain in the pitching circle throughout the entire pitching motion.*
4. The home team shall supply the umpire.
5. The batting order will consist of all team members present. If a player is injured, she can be removed from the batting line-up and will not be counted as an out.
6. *After ball four (4) on a batter, the player's coach shall pitch to her. The strike count will remain the same. A limit of five (5) pitches will be allowed. It is up to the coach to pitch strikes. If the ball is pitched anywhere in the strike zone the girl must attempt to hit it. After the 5th pitch, the batter is out if she hasn't hit the ball into play. However, if the 5th pitch is fouled off then the batter will remain at bat until she hits the ball into fair territory or strikes out. The batter is out when she accumulates three (3) strikes. The opposing team's pitcher shall line up defensively in the pitchers circle. The coach, while pitching, becomes part of the playing field.*
7. Teams will field a maximum of ten (10) players and must field a minimum of eight (8) players in order to play. Less than eight (8) players will constitute a forfeit of the game.
8. A maximum number of six (6) runs can be scored per inning.
9. *Open Inning (last inning)-The Open Inning may only be called by the coach that is behind or by either coach if the score is tied. The goal is not to 'crush' the other team. *The last inning is based on time remaining.*
10. A batter may bunt off a player pitcher only. No bunting off a coach's pitch.
11. Games shall be no more than five (5) innings. No new inning shall start after ninety (90) minutes from the start of any game. Games may end in a tie.
12. Every attempt will be made to play each team member an equal amount of time, although an exception may be made for health or disciplinary reasons. The opposing coach is to be notified as to a reason for non-playing of the player, prior to the start of the game or as the situation arises.

13. *Stealing bases is allowed off a player pitcher only. No stealing off a coach's pitch. You may steal 1st base to 2nd base and 2nd base to 3rd base. There is no stealing home or any advancement to home on a past ball by the catcher or on any overthrown ball. The runner may not leave any base until the ball has left the pitcher's hand. If she leaves early (before the ball has left the pitcher's hand) she will be called out. This will be determined by the umpire.*
14. *The dropped third strike rule shall not be in play unless both teams agree prior to the start of the game.*
15. The home team shall supply the umpire with a protective face mask.
16. *All infielders must wear a face mask.*
17. There will be a base race between the two teams at the end of each game.
18. All other USA rules shall apply.

**Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association
2018 Rules—12 & Under Division**

1. The official ball shall be twelve (12) inches in diameter.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate shall be forty (40) feet.
4. *Games will be a maximum of seven (7) innings. No new inning will be started after 90 minutes from the start of any game. In case of a started game being cancelled by the umpire due to weather or darkness, four (4) completed innings shall constitute a played game.*
5. The batting order will consist of all team members present. If a player is injured, she can be removed from the batting line-up and will not be counted as an out.
6. A maximum number of six (6) runs can be scored per inning.
7. *Open Inning (last inning)-The Open Inning may only be called by the coach that is behind or by either coach if the score is tied. The goal is not to 'crush' the other team. *The last inning is based on time remaining.*
8. Every attempt will be made to play each team member an equal amount of time, although an exception may be made for health or disciplinary reasons. The opposing coach is to be notified as to a reason for non-playing of the player, prior to the start of the game or as the situation arises.
9. *Teams will field a maximum of ten (10) players and must field a minimum of eight (8) players in order to play. Less than eight (8) players will constitute a forfeit of the game.*
10. Stealing of any base, including home, is allowed.
11. A batter may advance on a dropped third strike with the chance of being thrown out.
12. *All infielders must wear a face mask.*
13. All other USA rules shall apply.

**Centralia Girls' Softball Association & Chehalis Girls' Fastpitch Association
2018 Rules—14 - 18 Division**

1. The official ball shall be twelve (12) inches in diameter.
2. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
3. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate shall be forty (40) feet.
4. The batting order shall consist of all team members present.
5. Games will be no more than seven (7) innings. No new inning will be started after 90 minutes from the start of any game. In case of a started game being cancelled by the umpire due to weather or darkness, four (4) completed innings shall constitute a played game.
6. Early games are to start promptly at 5:30 pm; late home games promptly at 7:15 pm. The starting and ending times of the late game may be dependent upon the length of the early game. These variations in time must be discussed with the umpire, by the managers involved, prior to starting the game.
7. Each team member must play a minimum of two (2) innings per game. An exception may be made for health or disciplinary reasons. The opposing coach is to be notified as to a reason for non-playing of the player, prior to the start of the game or as the situation arises.
8. A maximum number of six (6) runs can be scored per inning.
9. Open Inning (last inning)-The Open Inning may only be called by the coach that is behind or by either coach if the score is tied. The goal is not to 'crush' the other team. *The last inning is based on time remaining.
10. Teams will field a maximum of ten (10) players and must field a minimum of eight (8) players in order to play. Less than eight (8) players will constitute a forfeit of the game.
11. Player vacancies in the line-up will be counted as "outs" when it should be their turn at bat. If a player is injured, she can be removed from the batting line-up and shall not be counted as an out.
12. A batter may advance on a dropped third strike with the chance of being thrown out.
13. *All infielders must wear a face mask.*
14. All other USA rules shall apply.