



Travel Softball – League Rules

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Location

- Each town will play their home games in their town.
 - QuickScores will have addresses for each facility.
- End of season double elimination tournament will be held in Carol Stream
 - McCaslin Park - 27W650 North Ave., West Chicago
 - Armstrong Park 1 - 475 Chippewa Trl., Carol Stream
 - Armstrong Park 2-4 - 391 Illini Dr., Carol Stream

League Format

- 14 game season followed by a double elimination playoff
 - Tournament will be hosted in Carol Stream
- League will abide by USA rules unless other noted

Rosters

- Team rosters must be turned in before your first game
 - Players will not be eligible until the wavier has been signed
 - A player may only be on one team for the season
 - No roster additions after week 4 of the season
- Teams must have birth certificates on hand throughout the season
 - Birthday cutoff is September 1

Field Setup

- Base Paths
 - All ages – 60 feet
- Pitching Mound
 - 9U-10U – 35 feet
 - 12U – 40 feet
 - 14U-18U – 43 feet

Time Limits/Game Length

- All games will have a no new inning after 1 hour and 30 minutes with a drop dead at 1 hour and 45 minutes.
 - Championship games will have no time limit, and game must complete.
- The score (assuming the home team is not batting and winning the game at the drop-dead point) will revert back to the last complete inning to determine the winner.
- In the event of a tie during a playoff game the game will continue until a winner is determined.
- 9U-10U – 6 inning game
 - Official game is 3 innings or 2.5 innings if the home team is leading
- 12U-18U – 7 inning game
 - Official game is 4 innings or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading

Run Limit

- 9U-10U – 5 runs per inning
- 12U-18U – 6 runs per inning



Pitching Limits

- 9U-10U – 3 innings
- 12U-18U – No limit
- One pitch constitutes an inning
- All pitchers can leave the mound and return once per game. A pitcher can leave the game defensively and still return to pitch.

Stealing

- Runners may leave on release of the pitch

Batting

- 9U-12U – Continuous batting order
- 14U-18U has the option of:
 - Continuous batting order
 - Standard 9 player batting order with DP the Flex being the 10th player with bench substitutions (IHSA rules)
 - The team with more players may bat the same number of players as the opposing team
- **Slashing:** Not allowed (9U-12U). Slashing is defined as a batter showing bunt, then pulling the bat back and taking a swing. Fake bunting is showing bunt, then pulling the bat back **not** taking a swing at the pitch.

Defense

- Free substitution for defensive players if using continuous bathing order

Infield Fly/Drop Third

- In effect for 12U-18U

Schedules/Rainout Information

- Each home team will be required to communicate with the opposing team in the event of a rainout.
 - Reschedules will need to be coordinated with the opposing team then coordinated with Carol Stream Park District.
- The Carol Stream Park District reserves the right to change and/or adapt all softball schedules in any way necessary to operate the league with proper notice to the manager.
- Once schedules are completed the teams are required to make their scheduled game unless weather or a coordinated reschedule can happen. If not, the team who cannot make the game will forfeit (7-0).
- Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games, even in light rain. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit.
 - Rainout Information for Carol Stream games (Updated by 4pm on weekdays, and 8am on weekends):
 - **Website:** [Field Conditions - Carol Stream Park District \(csparks.org\)](http://csparks.org)

Standings/Tie Breakers

- Standings will be kept, and are calculated by highest winning percentage
- Tie breaker policy for playoff seeding will be the following procedures, in order, until all ties are broken:
 1. Head to head competition between the tied teams (Team MUST beat all other teams tied in standing to win this tie-breaker)
 2. Any team with a forfeit during the regular season will automatically lose all ties
 3. Point differential for the entire regular season
 4. Least points allowed for the entire season

Score Reporting

- **Report Scores:** [Youth Sports - Baseball & Softball Game Report - Carol Stream Park District \(csparks.org\)](http://csparks.org)