



## Wakefield Youth Softball -- 12U Division Rules 2026 Season

- 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 is allowed
- Infield Fly Rule in effect
- Dropped 3rd Strike 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 pitcher has control of the ball within the pitching circle or it is otherwise apparent the play has ended
- Unlimited runs in the 6th inning, must get 3 outs
- 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 the Umpire's discretion
- Pitchers may pitch up to 4 innings or 12 outs per game
- Pitchers shall be removed from the position after either hitting 3 batters in an inning or 5 total in game
- Regular Season Champion determined by best overall record. (Tiebreakers: Head-to-head record, Runs against, Run differential, coin toss)

### **Playoffs:**

- Games are 6 innings, no time limit
- Games CANNOT end in a tie
- Utilize Regular Season Local 12u Rules
- Last inning, must get 3 outs