

2017 12U

DCL Rules

Delaware rain out number: 740-203-1459

League will follow OHSAA official fast pitch softball rules with the following exceptions:

- Rule 1. **Age Qualifications**
- A. Age shall be as of January 1.
- Rule 2. **Playing Field**
- A. Pitching and base path distances
- | Pitching | Base path |
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| 40 ft. | 60 ft. |
- B. Umpire is required: Shall not be a relative of a player. Umpire must be 15 years old or older.
- Rule 3. **Equipment**
- A. Batting helmets with face guard and chin strap are mandatory.
- B. Will use a 12" softball. (Yellow in color).
- C. Home team will provide (1) new and (1) good used ball for each home game.
- D. Shoes are required equipment. Shoe sole or heel projection other than the standard shoe plate are prohibited. Metal toe plates and metal cleats are prohibited.
- Rule 4. **Player Substitutions**
- A. Teams may borrow up to (3) players from a lower division. If an area does not have a lower division, they may borrow from another DCL lower division team.
- B. Borrowed players from a lower division must be on a DCL roster. Games may be played with 8 players, without penalty. Five of those players must be on the team roster. Example: With (6) roster players you may borrow (3) players from lower division to make a team of (9). With (5) roster players you may still only borrow (3) players to make a team of (8).
- C. No borrowed player will be permitted to play if a full line up of roster players is present and able to play.
- D. Must bat all available players, open substitutions will apply. If a player gets injured or has to leave the game for any reason while using continuous batting order, that player is then skipped in the batting order with no out taken. This player may also re-enter in a later inning.

- E. In order to qualify for tournament play, a roster player must have participated in at least 50% of the DCL game schedule. Injury exceptions will be determined by the league representatives. Current season score books must be available upon request.
- F. All protests are to refer to OHSAA and DCL rules and are to be resolved immediately. Home plate umpire's decision is final.
- G. If a tournament game is called due to weather, **the game will be completed at a rescheduled time and played to remaining time. Games will not be final at 4 innings if time still remains. In semi-finals and finals games 6 completed innings will be played.**
- H. **For semi-finals and finals the time limit will be waived and games will be played to 6 innings. Games cannot end in a tie.**