

2017 “15U” 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
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| | Pitching | Base path |
| | 43 ft. | 60 ft. |
- B. OHSAA or ASA sanctioned umpire/ must be 18 years old or older if not sanctioned: Shall not be a relative of a player.
- 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.
- Rule 5. **Games**
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| | Innings | Official Game |
| | 7 | 5 |
- B. After (5) innings the (10) run rule applies.
Runs per inning: The maximum amount of runs for the team that is ahead is 5

per inning. The maximum runs the losing team can score is their current deficit plus 5 runs. Any additional runs that score during the play after the 5th run scores will also be included.

Example: score of 3-0, team that is down ties and now can go up by 5 runs, score is now 3-8.

Example: Score at the beginning of the inning was 0-0, the team that is up to bat has two girls on base, and 4 have already scored. In this situation 3 additional runs could potentially score, 2 for the girls on base, and one for the batter. The last runner to score is counted once the umpire rules the play dead, by the pitcher having the ball under control in the circle. In this case if all 3 runners score the score could be 3-10. If the play is ruled dead before the 6th runner can cross the plate the final score for that inning is 5-0.

- C. No new inning shall be started after 1.5 hours from the start of the game.
- D. A pitcher entering the game for the 1st time will be allowed (5) warm up pitches. A pitcher re-entering will be allowed (3) warm up pitches. If the pitcher hits 2 girls in a row or 3 girls in an inning or 4 in a game she must be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- E. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 5 innings per game (free substitution). Any pitches thrown will constitute an inning.
- F. No infield warm-up is permitted after the first inning.
- G. Play with (6) infielders and (3) outfielders.

Rule 6. **Official rosters**

- A. Official rosters must contain
 1. Team name, area, age division
 2. Coaches name, phone number
 3. Players name, DOB
- B. Players may only be on (1) DCL fast pitch roster.
- C. **Rosters must be turned into the league President by May 20th. Any team who fails to turn in roster may be excluded from league tournament. Roster additions after May 20th must be league approved.** Rosters must be presented to the opposing coach at the 1st scheduled game with that team. Players may be added to a roster up to the 3rd game of the season by contacting the league president. Final rosters must be presented to the tournament director prior to the 1st game of the tournament.
- D. Final rosters must contain a minimum of (8) players and a maximum of (20).
- E. No 15 year old player (as of Jan 1st) will be permitted to participate if they were on the roster of a high school team that plays at a varsity, junior varsity or freshman level, *within the current calendar year.*
- F. No boys are permitted to play in the DCL league games or tournaments.
- G. All ADA is case by case and will be reviewed by league officials.

Rule 7. **Tournament**

Tournament rules will be the same as league rules with the following exceptions.

- A. (2) Sanctioned umpires are required for semi-final and championship games.
- B. Trophies of at least (7) inches tall shall be provided to the 1st place team/coach and trophies at least (5) inches tall, not to exceed the height of the 1st place trophy, shall be presented to the 2nd place team/coach.
- C. Tournament fees shall be determined by the hosting team and league representatives.
- D. Host team area representative or designee is to be present at all tournament games.
- 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 5**

H. innings if time still remains and 10 run rule does not apply. In semi-finals and finals games 7 completed innings will be played unless 10 run rule applies. For semi-finals and finals the time limit will be waived and games will be played to 7 innings unless 10 run rule applies. Games cannot end in a tie