

**QUINCY PARK DISTRICT
GIRLS SOFTBALL
LEAGUE RULES
B Division (11 & 12) C Division (9 & 10)**

The official rules of the Illinois High School Association shall govern Quincy Park District Youth Softball play with the following additions or exceptions:

1. **Uniforms** – The Park District will furnish T-Shirts and Hats. **All teams are required to wear Park District assigned shirts. Baseball pants are encouraged but not required.** Shirts need to be tucked in while playing.
2. The official rules of the Illinois High School Association govern Quincy Park District Youth Softball play. However, we feel Youth Softball is recreational in focus and we encourage participation by all team members in the game.
3. The **Quincy Park District rule** requires all players to bat in the batting order, and ‘free substitution’ is allowed on defense. (Players may be substituted for on defense as many times as the coach wants to, in order to allow all players to participate defensively throughout the game.)
4. **Games will not exceed 6 innings.** No new inning will occur after the 1 hr and 20- minute limit. If the home team is tied or losing in the last inning we will finish the inning. Games will start at listed time, or if the previous game runs long, 5 minutes after the conclusion of that previous game.
5. 10 run rule after 4 innings, 15 run rule after 3 innings. If weather does not permit a complete game, 3 innings is an official game.
6. **Unlimited pitching changes**, within reason (if abused may be restricted by umpire’s discretion).
7. **Substitute Runners** are not allowed, unless a player is injured, in which case the player recording the prior out for the team at bat must be the substitute runner.
8. **Unsportsmanlike conduct** will result in disqualification from the game. Any time a player is disqualified from the game, the umpire will file a report with the supervisor for possible further action.
9. Any **protest** must be filed with the head umpire before the next pitch of the game. A decision on the protest will be given by the league supervisor.
10. Only one base will be allowed on an overthrow that goes into foul territory or out of bounds. If an overthrow remains in fair territory, a player may take as many bases as possible. Once the pitcher has the ball in the Circle, the ball is dead and the baserunners cannot advance.

Rule Differences by Division (B, C)

11. In “B and C” divisions, the batter will not be allowed to advance to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike by the catcher.
12. In B & C divisions, teams will play 3 outs or score 5 runs per inning. Even if a team is down by more than five runs in their last at bat, they can still only score five runs.
13. B division Girls - may steal. Base runners can advance once the pitched ball leaves the pitcher’s hand, (No stealing allowed if a team is ahead by 10 runs in ‘B’ girls division)
14. C division Girls-In this division girls will use the pitching machine. Each batter will receive up to 5 quality pitches from the pitching machine. Batters can strike out before reaching 5 pitches.
15. C division Girls play 10 defensive players (extra outfielder).
16. C division Girls – No stealing. Base runners may lead off after the ball leaves the pitching machine.
17. Metal Cleats are not allowed in B & C division.
18. Diamond size – B division bases 60 feet, mound 35 feet.
C division bases 60 feet, pitching machine at 30 feet.
19. Ball size - B division 12 inch softball
C division 11 inch softball
20. Any coach or player ejected from a game, for any reason, is automatically suspended from the team’s next game.

SPECIAL NOTE:

If you have any questions or a problem, feel free to call or talk to us at any time. Contact the Recreation Program Manager Ben Klingner at 217-919-0318. The Quincy Park District does not provide participant accident insurance coverage.