

**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. *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. **Game length will be 1 hour 20 minutes for B & C Divisions, or 6 innings**, whichever occurs first. No new inning will occur after the 1 hr and 20- minute limit. 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. **New rule for 2022**-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-For at least the first two weeks of the season (4 games) we will use the pitching machine. Each batter will receive up to 5 quality pitches from the pitching machine, they can strike out.
15. C division Girls – After the first 4 games, the girls will be able to pitch. In the interest of pace of play, after a walk a coach will pitch to that batter. **New rules for 2022**- If the batter had any strikes before she was walked that will carry over to when the coach pitches. For instance: If the count was 3 balls and 2 strikes before the

batter was walked, the batter will still have 2 strikes when the coach pitches. If the batter then swings and misses on the first pitch from the coach, the batter will be out. If a batter is walked she will get up to three pitches from the coach in the effort to get the ball put into play. (Only exception being if the third pitch is fouled off. If the batter fouls off the third pitch from the coach, she can continue to hit until she swings and misses on strike three. All pitches from the coach that are anywhere near the strike zone will count as strikes, whether the batter swings or not. If a coach throws a wild pitch nowhere near the strike zone, the coach and umpire can use his/her discretion on whether or not to count that pitch.

16. C division Girls play 10 defensive players (extra outfielder).
17. C division Girls – No stealing. Base runners may lead off after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
18. Metal Cleats are not allowed in B & C division.
19. Diamond size – B division bases 60 feet, mound 35 feet.
C division bases 60 feet, mound 30 feet.
20. Ball size - B division 12 inch softball
C division 11 inch softball

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. Please refer to your personal insurance policy in case of accident/injury.