

EARLS RESTAURANTS

2026 TOURNAMENT RULES

- * Softball City has new policy regarding pitchers. All Pitchers must wear face protection that covers their temples.
- * All Batters, on deck batters and base runners must wear batting helmets. Softball City has these for rent at an additional charge.
- * This is a 7&3 Tournament, meaning each team must field a maximum of 7 male players and a minimum of 3 female players on the field at one time. Should a team not be able to field the minimum, they must play shorthanded.
- * Games will last maximum one hour. Championship game is one hour fifteen minutes.
- * No new inning after 50 minutes. Games are completed at end of half inning if home team is ahead. No last at bat to improve run differential.
- * Score at one hour is final. Runners on base mean nothing. Pitches made after cut off do not count. Tie games are acceptable in round robin only.
- * Teams purposefully slowing the game down to play for the win or tie will be warned, and then will forfeit the game if continuing to do so.
- * Mercy Rule is in effect, 10 run lead after 4 complete innings. Maximum 5 runs per inning. Last inning of championship is open, no run maximum.
- * 10 players on field (4 outfielders, 4 infielders, pitcher, catcher) . Teams pitch against the other team.
- * Pitchers should pitch to contact. Pitchers purposefully avoiding the strike zone may be removed. (Batting team would ask for the umps decision. Umps decision is final)
- * All players on roster must bat. Batting order must alternate between male to female. If there are more females or males, they must bat more often in order to maintain the alternating order.
- * At one point in the order, back to back same sex batters may appear. For example: guy, girl, guy, guy, girl, guy, girl, etc.
- * No walks. No steals. No sliding. No bunting. Foul on two strikes means you're out. If a player over runs 2nd or 3rd they can slide/dive back. Only at 2nd or 3rd base. Tagging up allowed.
- * Commitment Line is in effect from 3rd to home. Once a player crosses this line, they must go home. Base Runners will be automatically be out if they slide to any base.
- * Outfielders may not cross the 150ft encroachment line until the batter has made contact with the ball. Pylons on both foul lines mark the 150ft line.
- * Courtesy Runners allowed from 1st base only. Players can only run once. Maximum 3 per game.

ALL UMPIRE DECISIONS ARE FINAL