

## **CHRISTINA GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES**

1. Home team must line the field before the game & check pitching distance.
2. Pitching distances:
  - a. 35' Tee Ball, CP, MM
  - b. 40' Minors
  - c. 43' Majors
3. Ball sizes:
  - a. 11" CP & MM
  - b. 12" Min & Maj
4. All volunteers (anyone that steps in the dugout or on the field) are required to register with the league through NAYS and complete a background check annually.
5. All games (other than tee ball) are 75 MINUTES - FINISH THE INNING WHEN TIME EXPIRES - No new inning may start if less than 5 minutes remain in the game when the previous full inning ends
  - a. Inning ends when 3 outs are made or the 5th run scores.
6. SPRING BALL ONLY – Both teams MUST keep a neat scorebook/ Every player in the batting order MUST be listed by LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (no nicknames) and her jersey number. Books are used for All-Star verification.
  - a. In SPRING BALL ONLY, the winning team must email final score to [cgsscores@gmail.com](mailto:cgsscores@gmail.com) within 24 hours for record keeping purposes
7. Maximum 10 players on defense with maximum 6 infielders at normal positions. If this results in defensive subs, then a sub cannot sit for more than one-half inning on defense in any one game. No player shall sit more than 1 inning a game, unless they are being disciplined or injured/sick. All players must have an opportunity to play at least 1 inning in the infield, per game. The general rule of thumb is at minimum 1 inning every 3 innings played. Teams must play a catcher.
  - a. In SPRING BALL ONLY, a team must have 6 players to play an official game.
8. Entire team bats. No penalty if a player in the lineup becomes sick or injured and cannot bat. If a player is in the lineup, and does not show up, her spot is skipped with no penalty. If the player shows up late, she must bat in her designated spot and there is no penalty if her spot comes up before she arrives.
9. No limit on bases taken on overthrows in MM, Min and Maj. One base in tee ball and coach pitch.

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10. Defensively - natural softball plays allowed. Umpire discretion is applied.
  - a. Ex: Players should not be running around/by other position players to make other position plays
  - b. Ex: A player fielding a ball can make a tag/play on a runner in any base line or any base, if the ball and her momentum is naturally leading her in that direction.
11. Games may end in a tie.
12. If a game is suspended before two complete innings it is not official, and the game will resume from the point of suspension. Check home team book for accuracy before leaving the park.
13. If a game is suspended after two complete innings, it is official and considered finished. The final score reverts to the score at the last completed full inning.
14. There are free defensive substitutions for all players.
15. 10U & above - ONLY one defensive coach is permitted on the field near the dugout fence to instruct the pitcher and other players. All other coaches MUST be in the dugout.
16. If a team needs pickup players to play a game, then the team can use any Christina registered player who is from the same division or BELOW. If a player is age eligible but plays up, then that player cannot play down to be a pickup player. In SPRING BALL ONLY, the pickup player must bat last in the order and must play outfield. A team may pick up only enough players to reach a lineup of 9. If a team has 9 players, then it cannot pick up any players.
17. Metal cleats permitted for 18u only during regular season games. All tournaments will require non-metal cleats.
18. All batting helmets must have a face guard.
19. All infielders must wear a face mask.
20. All players warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher or batting helmet.
21. If a player or coach is ejected, the ejected person is suspended for the next game. The ejected person must leave the Christina Softball complex immediately. Umpires should report ejections to the board in writing. If a player or coach is ejected twice in a season, they will be suspended for five consecutive games, and the Executive Board will meet to consider additional punishments, including longer suspension. Barring extraordinary circumstances, a coach who is ejected twice in a season will be prohibited from coaching in the next scheduled Christina season.
22. There is no smoking or use of tobacco products inside the complex. This policy refers to chewing tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and vaping devices of any kind.

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23. Umpires have the authority to eject any player, coach or spectator who is displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or who is being abusive or unduly disruptive. The umpire may warn the offending party prior to ejection and may request the assistance of a coach or coaches to control the offending party. If ejected, the person must leave the complex.
24. Umpires have been told to eject anyone who uses profane or obscene language.
25. If a coach believes an umpire is wrong about a Christina rule, the coach should request a conference with the umpire and the opposing head coach to discuss. If the dispute still exists after the conference, then the coach should report the issue with details via email to the board.