

2025 Crow River Fastpitch League Rules

CRF will use USA Softball Rules with the following modifications:



- A.** There shall be no more than twenty (20) players on a team roster. Official rosters must be filled out on the Crow River Athletics website. Only those on the roster are eligible to play in tournament play (qualifier, state, league tournament). The player's age is determined as their age on August 31, 2024.
- B.** Double Rostering- Player's names may appear on more than one roster within a division or across age divisions. Each player may participate in one State Qualifier and may only participate in State with that team. If team fails to qualify, the player is ineligible to join another team to play in State competition without prior approval from the League Director. A player who participates in a State Qualifier or a State tournament is ineligible to participate in league Season Ending tournaments without prior written permission from the League Director.
- C.** Any team more than 1/2 hour late will forfeit the game. Failure to show without notice is a forfeit.
- D.** At the time limit, complete the current inning. If teams are tied, the game will be declared a regulation tie game.
- E.** A team may play with seven (7) players and will not be required to take an out in the vacant spots of the batting order during league play.
- F.** The home team will furnish the umpire. It is highly suggested that the umpires be USA sanctioned. If no umpire shows up, the head coaches shall mutually agree on how the umpiring is done. Coaches must agree prior to the first pitch being thrown and all game results will stand. There will be no umpires in 8U league play.
- G.** The home team will furnish one new ball and one good used ball. Only 12 inch optic yellow red stitched balls are to be used in High School, 14U and 12U. The 10U and 8U divisions will use an 11 inch optic yellow red stitched ball. Game balls must be .47 core and 375 compression and stamped with the ASA, USA or NFHS approval stamp.
- H.** Home team scorebook is the official book. It is suggested that the score be checked between teams after each half inning.

Except where modified by these rules, all play shall be governed by the 2025 USA softball rules of play.

- 1.** There is a five (5) run limit per inning for all innings in 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U.
- 2.** Teams will each be home and away during double headers.
- 3.** Run Rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings. No run rule in 10U or 8U.
- 4.** Offensive players are NOT required to slide to avoid contact with a defensive player. The offensive player is only required to avoid "unsporting" contact with the defensive player. Unsporting contact is determined by the umpire.
- 5.** Pitching distances: (measured from the front of the pitching plate to the point of home plate) High School & 14U is 43 feet, 12U is 40 feet, 10U & 8U is 35 feet.
- 6.** If an error in field setup is found, it is to be corrected immediately, and play continues.
- 7.** There will be no use of the infield prior to the start of the game.

Rainouts: Both teams have one week from the game date to agree on a makeup date. If a date cannot be agreed upon the CRF League Director will assign a date.

Cancellations (non-weather related): The opposing coach can determine whether to take a forfeit or agree to a make-up date. If a make-up date is agreed upon, that date becomes the official game date.

Complete Game: In the case of rain or darkness (umpire's discretion), a game is complete after three (3) innings unless the home team is leading in the bottom of the third. A suspended game is continued from the point at which it was stopped, including score, inning, outs, base runners, and count on batter. Batting order and field positions are at the discretion of the coach but should be maintained as close as possible to that of the suspended game.

PLAYERS PARTICIPATING BELOW THEIR AGE LEVEL

The following conditions will apply to players, teams of said players and the communities having said player(s).

- 1.** Players participating below their age level, as defined by USA rules, will NOT be permitted to play in USA sanctioned tournaments including State Qualifiers and the State Tournaments. A player's age is determined by their age on August 31, 2024.
- 2.** Communities having over-age players MUST email the CRF League Director, prior to the start of league play, identifying the player(s) and the reason why they are playing as an over-age player. There must be extenuating circumstances for the Director to approve an over-age player. The community must also state that the community understands that these players are ineligible for play outside the CRF regular season games. Over-age players may not pitch. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a community's team(s) at the affected age level being barred from the CRF tournaments.