

2023 MAGIC VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL "A" LEAGUE BY-LAWS

The NFHS Softball Rule Book (NFHA.org) will govern all play with the following exceptions:

1. We follow Idaho High School rules. Idaho High Schools follow the NFHS rules for softball. Below are the following exceptions to said rules.
2. Players who turn 16 before AUGUST 31, 2023, are not eligible.
3. Run Rule is 10 after 5 innings. 15 after 4 innings. (Home team must have the last bats unless they are ahead.)
4. (Rule 4.10 (c) - If a game is called early, it is a regulation game only if four innings have been completed unless mercy rule applies.
5. No new inning after 2 hours.
6. Home plate umpires must be at least 16 years old and have knowledge of high school rules.
7. Adopted roster policy that rosters will be turned in for all teams in all leagues to the chairman of the board at the halfway point of the season and cannot be changed unless players are needed for the tournament. Younger players must be brought up from the same town and be registered and compete in lower leagues for the season. Players can only be brought up to total the team to 12 players in all leagues.
8. Dropped 3rd strike will be played. If the catcher fails to catch the ball on a third strike, and first base is open, or there are two outs, then the batter becomes a runner.
9. Infield fly rule: if a fly ball to the infield is easily catchable and there is only 0 or 1 out, the infield fly will be called by umpires and the batter will be out. Runners must tag and then can advance at their own risk.
10. Rubber or metal cleats are allowed.
11. Stealing all bases is allowed. Runners may leave the base after the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand.
12. Pitching distance 43 feet.
13. When starting with 8 players, an out will not be taken. Players may be added at the bottom of the lineup.