

2017 Pulaski County Church Softball  
League Rules  
(NSA & USSSA Men's Rules except as follows)

**Youth Safety**

1. Youths' minimum age, 12 years old by December 31, 2017.
2. Youths' maximum age, 16 years old by July 1, 2017.
3. Youth 16 years or younger will be required to use batting helmets at the plate and when running the bases.
- 4. Mandatory Use of batting helmets is encouraged by all players.**
5. Youth 16 years or younger will not field an infield position except catcher and face protection is required.

**General Field**

6. A team can field 11 players on defense and bat 12. (Short fielder, SF and a extra hitter, EH)
7. **Once a team scores 7 runs they will go on defense. \*This rule will be waved in the 6<sup>th</sup> or last inning.**
8. Each team in their 10 or 11 player defensive lineup will be required to have the following: **2 youths (16 years or younger)** and 1 female. Substitution of females for the youth is permitted. *Substitution of a senior (65 or older) for one youth is permitted.* **This requirement will be communicated at the pre game meeting of the umpire and coaches and marked in the home teams' score book. If these positions are not filled a automatic out, for each position, each time they would have batted in the order. These positions will not be in the field either.**
  - a. **A minimum of 8 players are required to play. A team should only pick up players to avoid not playing and only the minimum number needed to play.**
  - b. **End of year Tournament: To participate for a team in the end of year tournament a player must have participated in at least four of that season games. The teams' score book will document the participation. Teams are required to keep their score sheets for each game until the end of the season. Each team will submit a roster of players for the tournament to the county sports coordinator of the league.**

**Equipment**

9. No equipment can be used that is banned by the NSA or USSSA.
10. No metal spikes.
- 11. Softballs will be furnished for the games. The officials will bring them to the game.**

**Game**

The home team is responsible for the prayer around home plate before the game.

- 12. Each game will be 6 innings, but with no inning to start after the one hour time limit. The umpire will notify each team when the time limit ruling is called.**
13. Having lineups and batters ready will insure a 6 inning game.
14. 4 complete innings will be considered a complete game for weather considerations.
15. The batters count will be 3 balls/2 strikes, there is not a foul rule.
16. Youth 15 and younger will have unlimited substitutions. The batting order must be maintained.
17. Each runner must slide or avoid contact with the defense if the ball is in their possession.
18. The home team has the official book. Each team should work together to insure the correct score.
- 19. Unsportsmanlike like conduct, arguing with the official is not permitted. Only managers are allowed to discuss calls with the official.**
20. Pitcher Screen: The ball is dead if contact with the screen is caused by the offence. The ball is live if contact is due to the defense. \* If both teams agree prior to the game not to use the screen it can be removed from the field.
- 21. Courtesy Runner: Will be the last out of the current inning. If no outs, the last out of the previous inning.**
- 22. No head first sliding.**