

## **2025 PRESEASON RULES**

CP Softball rules with these exceptions:

Free substitutions. Players can enter and re-enter anytime between innings or anytime for injury. If more than 11 on a team, no one can sit for more than 2 innings (unless voluntarily).

Team can assign up to 2 NRs

Players can sub run unlimited times per game, but only once per inning (please have potential sub runners ready ahead of time to save time)

First week of season pitching screen is mandatory and placed 20 feet in front of the pitching rubber directly in line between rubber and home plate. Second week and alternating every other week through the end of season pitcher has the option of no screen while wearing mandatory equipment of at least shin guards and mask or pitching screen set just off to side 6 feet in front of rubber

When using the screen in either position the pitcher must remain behind the screen until the ball is hit. If this rule is violated and the pitcher plays the ball for an out, or contacts the ball and an out occurs, then ball is dead and the batter is awarded first base and all runners awarded one base. If no out occurs the ball is live. The umpire can and should give the pitcher a warning after time is called. After multiple warnings, the umpire can call the play dead and award batter first base and each runner awarded one base

If a hit ball contacts the screen it is a dead ball and ruled no pitch. If a thrown ball contacts the screen it is ruled in play

Count starts at 1-1 with one courtesy foul

One hour games (strictly enforced)

Five runs per inning maximum in ALL innings; no mercy rule