

## 2021 Black Swamp Softball League – General Rules

1. Games will be played Fridays and Sundays. Teams may also opt to schedule games on other days. Sunday games will be either be straight double-headers or a 3-team round robin format. Games will be 1 hour and 30 minutes in length for single games and double-headers. Games will be 1 hour and 20 minutes in length for a round robin schedule.
  - a. Round Robin Schedule: Home v Team 2; Team 2 v Team 3; Home v Team 3
2. The home field coach should be contacted the week prior to any scheduled game to verify field location, field number, umpire pay, etc.
3. Umpire pay will be as follows: \$30 per team when there is one umpire used, and \$40 per team if there are two umpires used. Umpires are to be paid on the field prior to the start of the game.
4. It must be a minimum of 45 degrees with wind chill for games to be played.
5. If any team needs to cancel/re-schedule a game for any reason, the opposing team must be contacted at least 48 hours prior. Anything less than 48 hours shall be considered a forfeit. Teams should also contact the league president regarding the cancellation.
6. Teams should be COMMUNITY BASED teams. A final roster shall be submitted to the league president prior to playing your first game. This roster must include player name, DOB, grade, and school. Teams should try not to add players once the season starts, but if you do, a new roster must be submitted immediately. All teams are required to have their roster with them at all games.
7. Pitching distance will be 43' for the JH Gold Division, 40' for the JH Silver Division, and 35' for the Elementary Division. An 11" softball will be used for the Elementary Division. Elementary Division shall field ten (10) defensive players.
8. There will be a 6 run per inning limit for the JH Silver & Elementary divisions. Each team may tie the score and may score 6 additional runs in any given inning.
9. USA Softball rules will govern. Anyone in the dugout or on the field with the players (coaches, assistants, scorekeepers, etc) are required to complete a background check and Safe Sport training through USA Softball, be current on concussion and Lindsay's Law training. All head coaches are also required to complete the ACE training through USA Softball.
10. Additional information will be posted as warranted on our website - <https://www.defiancesoftball.com/bssl-spring>