

Capistrano Girls Softball

6U Division Rules - 2019 Season

There are no ASA requirements for 6U

This division's goal is to serve as an introduction to girl's fastpitch softball. Beginning fundamentals are taught during practice and games. Sportsmanship, safety and fun should be stressed and promoted by all managers, coaches and parents at all times throughout the season.

The manager, asst. coach or team mom must not leave the practice or game until all players have been picked up by their parent(s) or designated adult as specified by the player's parents.

All games of the Capo Girls Softball League shall comply with the rules set forth.

GAME DURATION: All games in this division will drop dead at one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15). No new inning will start after 1:00.

UMPIRES: There are no umpires in this division.

DUGOUTS: Only coaches/managers/team moms and team members are allowed in the dugouts during regulation play. All players **must** remain in the dugout unless on the field, and **must** refrain from sitting in the stands during the game. Only water may be provided to girls once a game begins, food should be held to after the game.

JEWELRY: Players are prohibited from wearing jewelry during games.

MINIMUM PLAYERS: Not applicable in this division.

GAME PLAY: No scores or standings will be kept for any games. These games will be considered as practice and instructional.

DEFENSE:

1. All girls on the team will play when their team is on defense.
2. Two coaches will be allowed to be on the field when their team is on defense. These coaches must be listed as coaches in your "Official Roster" so as to be covered by the league's insurance. Brief instructions may be given (demonstrated) during the game.
3. Coaches **MUST** rotate players, with each player playing at least one infield position for a full inning per game, to assure that players receive experience at several positions and maintain a higher level of player and team enthusiasm. Note: Coaches should allow some consideration for safety. Do not put a player in a position such as first base or pitcher, if they cannot defend themselves from thrown or hit balls.

BATTING / BASERUNNING

1. Each team will bat round robin. Each team will bat their full roster once per inning.
2. Ball must travel past the chalked arc line (placed approximately 10 feet in front of the plate and extending from the 1st base line to the 3rd base line) to be in play.
3. The pitcher (Only one pitcher is allowed) must remain within the pitching circle and behind the pitching plate until the ball is hit.
4. Play stops when a defensive player successfully throws or returns the ball into the infield area of play (with the exception of the "Last Batter" in an inning). If a runner is between bases when the ball is returned to the infield, the runner is allowed to proceed to or return to the closest base.
5. The "Last Batter" in an inning and any runners on base at the time of the last at bat for an inning may continue to advance to any base on a batted ball until she is tagged or forced out by a defensive player.
6. Overthrows that stay in or go out of the playing field – A runner may advance one base per play on an over throw from the base last touched at the time the ball left the fielder's hand.
7. Please be sure to keep catchers clear from the batter's "swing zone". If a coach wishes to stand near the batter, he/she should remain behind the batter and out of the swing zone.
8. A base runner may not leave their base until the ball has been hit.
9. For the first 3 games outs may be announced with that base runner remaining on base after the out so they may continue run the bases)
10. After the 3rd game of the season, a batter/runner that hits and/or runs into an out must leave the field and return to the dugout
11. In order to avoid any collision with a defensive player, runners may slow down, slide, change directions, and stop entirely or even run around a defensive player within 3 feet of the base path.

STEALING BASES: No lead offs or stealing bases is permitted. A base runner may not leave their base until the ball has been hit.

SCORING LIMITS: Not applicable for this division

PITCHING RULES: Beginning on the 4th game, coaches will pitch (all girls will hit off the tee only until that time). Each girl will be limited to four pitches. If unsuccessful after four pitches, the tee will then be brought out and used.

BASE/PITCHING DISTANCES: The distance between bases is 60 feet, when possible, and the pitching distance is set at 30 feet.