

10U

GIRLS SOFTBALL

(10U) DIVISION RULES

1. Official Game

- An official game shall be completed 3 innings of play if game is called due to rain. If home team is winning after 2 ½ the game will be official. A full game will be 6 innings long or when time runs out.
- There will be a 1:15 time limit on all games. No inning shall start after 1:15 hours have officially expired.
- If time runs out and the home team is up by more than five runs the game will be called.
- One (1) inning of international tie breaker allowed.
- Games can end in a tie.
- Any game not official shall be replayed from the beginning.

2. Playing Field

- A 35 foot pitching mound will be used.
- Sixty (60) foot base lines will be used.
- 10 Player will be played in the field. All outfielders must be in the **grass area** (extra player cannot be place at 2nd base. Right, right center, left center, left.)

3. Pitching and catching

- One pitcher or catcher may not pitch or catch more than 3 innings total per game. **No more than 2 consecutive. We are here to develop our pitchers and catchers.**
- One pitch thrown will constitute as a full inning pitched.
- **A pitcher must start her pitch with both feet on the pitching rubber. The umpire will give one warning, after the one warning the batter will be issued a ball in her count**
- The total of 3 innings may be spread throughout the game.
- If one pitcher pitches more than a total of 3 innings. Once soon as it's made aware of, the player must be removed from her position immediately.
- In the event of extra innings, any pitcher may pitch regardless of previous innings pitched.

Hit Batsman

- A batter shall take first base when hit with pitch.
- If a pitcher hits 3 batters in an inning (not a game), the manager must remove her. If the same pitcher hits a batter the following inning 2 times the pitcher shall be removed from that inning. If a pitcher hits a batter a total of 5 times she will not be able to pitch anymore in that game but can play the field.

4. Base Runners

- Base runners may advance as many bases at their own risk on a straight steal or passed ball. A player may continue to run on an errant throwback to the pitcher, regardless of an overthrow/errant throw from a fielder to put them out.
- **A player may steal her steal once the ball is released from the pitchers hand.**
- **If a catcher drops a third strike the batter may run to first base as long as first base is not occupied with less than 2 outs. A batter may advance to first base on a drop third with base occupied with two outs. The catcher must throw down to first before the runner reaches first to record the out.**

5. Minimum Number of Players on Defense

- A team must field a minimum of 7 players within 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the game. Any team not fielding at least 7 players shall forfeit the game. Time will start at game time regardless.
- If a team cannot field a full team, the teams may still play and the umpire will call the game. The game will be **1:00 DROP DEAD.** You may share players to fill positions in the outfield.

6. **Runs per inning**

- Max allowable 5 runs per inning.

7. **SUBS**

- A player that moves up a division to sub for a team, that player may catch or pitch if the team needing a player doesn't have one. That player should still bat last in the lineup. A player that moves laterally in the same division to sub, that player is to bat last and play in the outfield.
- A team calling up subs cannot **exceed 11 players** in the starting lineup. All subs must bat last in the order
- **ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FIELDERS FACE MASK AT ALL PARTICIPATING TOWN LOCATIONS.**
- **IT'S UP TO THE MANAGER TO GOVERNOR THEIR OWN TEAMS. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASK RULE *NOT THE UMPIRES.***

TWO (2) UMPIRES PER GAME