

Riverfront 10U Softball Rules

1. Bases will be 60' apart. The pitcher's mound will be 35' from home plate.
2. A team's entire roster will bat. Rosters will be exchanged prior to the game.
3. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game. The innings do not need to be pitched consecutively.
4. Dropped third strike **will not** be used.
5. A base runner may not leave the base until the ball crosses home plate.
6. Stealing **is** allowed. Players may only advance to the base they are stealing, regardless of an overthrow.
7. Stealing home is not permitted
8. Infield fly rule is not in effect.
9. Bunting is allowed.
10. Players must slide or veer if there is a close play at any base.
11. A defensive player may not block a base unless she is in **possession** of the ball.
12. Outfielders may not cover a bag to make an out. They must throw the ball to the player playing that base.
13. Courtesy runners maybe used for a pitcher, catcher or injured player. The courtesy runner is the last player to make an out. If there are no outs in the current at bat then the courtesy runner will be the player who was the last to bat when the third out was made in the previous inning.

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14. Continuous walks are not in effect. (Going to second base immediately after a walk).
15. A new inning may not begin 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start of the game.
16. Games will be 6 innings in length. Games will be official after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is leading). If a game is called after 4 innings for weather or darkness, and the inning is not completed, the winner will be determined by score of the last completed inning. This is determined by the umpire.
17. When a player pitcher throws a fourth ball to a batter, a coach pitcher from the batting team will come in to pitch, throwing enough pitches to make up to 3 strikes (4-0, coach pitches 3 pitches, fourth ball on a 3-1 count coach pitches 2 pitches, 3-2 count 1 pitch). Batter gets an extra pitch if she fouls off the last pitch. Umpire will call strikes on coach pitches. No walks, batter either puts ball into play or strikes out. No stealing.
18. Only one base on an overthrow when the ball is in foul territory. If the overthrow goes into fair territory players may advance as many bases as they wish.
19. There will be a 5 run rule or 3 outs per inning. The last inning will have unlimited runs. No runs can be scored after the 5th run.
20. A 15 run mercy rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading).
21. 11” softballs with .47 cores, mid compression, either yellow or white will be used.
22. If a team does not have the minimum number of players 20 minutes after the posted start time of the game that team must forfeit.