

2019 Midland Girls Softball League (MGSL)

6U Spring Playing Rules

6U (FUN) Division (Coach Pitch)

The 6U division is intended to be a fun introduction to the game of softball. All players should be given equal opportunities to play the various infield positions. The head coach of each team is responsible for controlling play and enforcing the rules as listed below.

FIELD

- The pitcher's plate is placed at a distance of 35 feet and should be used as a guide for positioning of the youth pitcher. The coach or designated adult pitches from a distance that he/she considers appropriate for each batter.
- The base distance will be 45 ft.

GAME

- If a team is short players, players from the opposing team may be borrowed as needed to create even teams.
- The official softball shall be a 10-inch "training softball" as approved by the Midland Girls Softball League.
- Each inning, all players will bat once. An adult will pitch to the batters and a tee will be used when needed.
- An inning is considered complete when ALL players on the team have batted once.
- Games are generally 3 innings in duration. **There is a one-hour time limit for each 6U game. Up to coaches discretion.**
- There shall be no smoking, swearing or alcoholic consumption by managers, coaches, parents, fans or players at any time during practices or games.
- All players must wear their team uniform.
- Equipment: Catching gear (helmet, face mask with throat protector, chest protector, and shin guards) is required. Helmets are required for the batter and all base runners. A chinstraps must be worn if the helmet wobbles upon shaking of the player's head.

PITCHING

- The stand in pitcher (player) must wear either a face mask or batter's helmet while on the field.
- A coach or adult (designated by the offensive team) will do the pitching.
- Each batter will receive 3 hittable pitches and no more 6 pitches total. If the player fails to put the ball in play, she will hit off the tee. There are no walks or strikeouts. It is vital that coaches work to limit all at bats to 30 seconds or less.

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DEFENSE

- Fielders should occupy traditional defensive positions, with outfield spots filled as permitted by roster size.
- Two defensive coaches may be on the field to give directions to the defensive players, if desired.
- A play is considered over when the stand-in pitcher (player, not adult) has control of the ball within the pitching circle.

OFFENSE

- Base runners may advance until the ball is first possessed by a defensive player (generally one base, however if the ball is hit into the outfield or the fielders do not quickly react to the ball, runners may advance beyond one base. The final batter of each inning shall clear the bases as the defensive team attempts to tag all runners out at home.
- Players may not lead off. They may leave the base when contact is made with the ball by the batter.
- The batting order will consist of all players on the offensive team present at the game.
- Any player showing up after the game starts shall be inserted into the game.