



# **RULES PACKET**

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## **Summer Rec Softball Leagues**



## 7 & 8 Coach Pitch Softball Playing Rules

1. Games will have a 60-minute playing time. No new inning will be started after 55 minutes has expired. Any inning already started shall be completed.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Each team must field 6 players at game time or forfeit.
3. The run rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings. There is a 5-run limit each inning. Once a team scores 5 runs or makes three outs, whichever comes first, their half of the inning is over. Any runs scored after the 5 will not be counted. Game will end when a team is winning by 6 runs and time has expired.
4. Field dimensions of 60-foot base paths will be used.
5. There is unlimited substitution, but coaches still need to check players in and out. COACHES - EVERY PLAYER PRESENT AT THE GAME MUST BE IN THE BATTING LINE-UP!
6. Batters throwing their bat will be called out.
7. No stealing allowed. No bases can be advanced except on a fair hit ball. Runners' foot must remain on base until the ball is hit. If not, the play will be called back and replayed. A dropped 3rd strike is an out, runners may not advance. No walks allowed.
8. Each batter will receive a max of 5 pitches, unless a normal 3 swing strike out has occurred first. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch, they will be allowed one more pitch. If a batted ball hits the coach or umpire the ball is declared dead and the batter will receive credit for a hit and all runners, if any, will move up 1 base if forced.
9. The ball is declared dead by the umpire when the ball is in circle and the pitcher has control of the ball. If the runner is more than half way the umpire will advance the runner to the next base.
10. If a parent is causing problems, the umpire will ask the coach to warn them. If the problem continues, the parent will be asked to leave the ballpark, and/or the game will be forfeited.
11. A game in process that is called due to weather will be official if 3 innings have been played (2.5 innings if home team is ahead).
12. A coach will pitch to their team and will pitch using an underhand motion to the batter from a distance of 35 ft. or where the coach can get the ball across (no closer than the outer edge of the circle).



# 10U Rec Softball Playing Rules

**\*Games will be played by the rules of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), with the addition and/or exception of the following rules:**

1. Games will have a 71-minute playing time. No new inning will be started after 65 minutes. Any inning already started shall be completed.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Each team must field at least 7 players at game time or forfeit.
3. The run rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5. There is a 5-run limit each inning. Once a team scores 5 runs or makes three outs, whichever comes first, their half of the inning is over. Any runs scored after the 5 will not be counted. Game ends if the team is winning by 6 runs when time has expired.
4. Field dimensions of 60-foot base paths and 35-foot pitching distance will be used.
5. League will use an 11-inch, .47 core, optic (yellow) ball.
6. There is unlimited substitution, but coaches still need to check players in and out. Coaches - you must bat the roster!
7. If a parent is causing problems, the umpire will ask the coach to warn them. If the problem continues, the parent will be asked to leave the ballpark, and/or the game will be forfeited
8. A game in progress that is called due to weather will be official if 3 innings have been played (2 ½ if home team is ahead).
9. Players may steal one base per pitch, with the exception of no stealing home. Also, no stealing home on a passed ball.
10. On a dropped 3rd Strike, the batter is out. The only way to score is on a batted ball or hit-by-pitch.
11. If the pitcher pitches four balls, the offensive coach will pitch to the batter. The player will have three chances to hit a fair ball; if they do not hit a fair ball, the batter is called out.
12. One base is allowed per overthrow, with the exception of a batted ball.
13. No Infield Fly Rule
14. Home team is the official scorekeeper in the game.
15. Games that are tied at the end of time will end in a tie; no extra innings.
16. Teams are allowed to have 10 players on the field



# 12U Rec Softball Playing Rules

**\*Games will be played by the rules of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), except when in conflict with the following rules:**

1. Games will have a 71-minute playing time. No new inning will be started after 65 minutes has expired. Any inning already started shall be completed.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Each team must field at least 7 players at game time or forfeit.
3. The run rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings. There is a 5-run limit each inning. Once a team scores 6 runs or makes three outs, whichever comes first, their half inning is over. Any runs scored after 5 will not be counted. Game will end when a team is winning by 6 runs and time has expired.
4. Field dimensions of 60-foot base paths and 40-foot pitching distance will be used.
5. There is unlimited substitution, but coaches still need to check players in and out. Coaches - you must bat your roster.
6. A game in progress that is called due to weather will be the official if 3 innings have been played (2 ½ if the home team is ahead).
7. One inning of ITB (International Tie Breaker) will be used. After one inning, game will end in a tie.
8. Courtesy Runner will be allowed for catcher/pitcher, last batter not on base.
9. Home team will keep the scorebook and are the Official Scorekeeper.