

# Girls Softball: T-Ball / Coach Pitch

## Co-op League Rules

1. **No Umpires/Scorekeeping:** No umpires are present for games. Coaches are to umpire throughout the game. Score is not kept.
2. **Outs:** Outs are called on the field but there are unlimited outs throughout the inning.
3. **Batting:** The team at bat will go through their entire lineup. The last player at bat will hit a “home-run” to end the inning.
4. **Batting “arc”:** Coaches will designate an “arc” around Homeplate from each foul line. This arc should be 5ft-10ft from Homeplate. If a ball is hit and stays within this arc, it will be considered a “foul tip” and the batter will be able to hit the ball again.
  - Coaches should use either small cones or draw a line in the dirt to designate this arc.
5. **T-Ball or Coach Pitch:** The decision to use a batting tee or to do coach pitch will be depend on each player’s skill level. Generally, for games 1-4, players should hit off a tee. For games 5-8, players will get 5 coach pitches and if a hit is not made, then the player will hit off a tee. There are no strike-outs/walks and no stealing.
6. **Fielding:** The focus for the infield should be the throw to first base. There are no base advancements on an overthrow.
  - **Fielder Positions:** All players present for the game shall take the field. Fill up infield positions first, Right Field and then Catcher. Catcher equipment will not be provided but the player must wear a batting helmet. Players should rotate positions throughout the game.
7. **Coach Placement:** Each team should have at least 2 coaches on the field to help with the game flow and one coach in the dugout to supervise additional players.
  - **Team @ Bat Coach Placement:** There should be one coach to help the batter, a coach at 1<sup>st</sup> base to help direct baserunners and a coach within the dugout to supervise the remaining players. During a coach pitch, the 1<sup>st</sup> base coach will come make the pitches. Giving them the opportunity to still help direct the baserunners.
  - **Fielding Team Coach Placement:** There should be two coaches within the infield, one behind shortstop and one behind 2<sup>nd</sup> base player to cover both sides on the infield. The third coach (if available) should either be in the dugout to supervise remaining players or behind the catcher.
8. **Field Layout:** The field will consist 60’ base paths and a 35’ pitching mound.
9. **Game Length:** Games will be scheduled on the hour but will have a 45-minute time limit. This will give teams enough time to pack up and leave their field and the incoming team time to warm up.