

Western Ohio Youth Softball League

10 and Under Grade Fast Pitch League

Coaches:

1. Coaches are responsible for reporting scores and the need for makeup games.
2. Umpire/umpires supplied by the home team and may be volunteer and/or paid but should have a basic knowledge of the rules and the game. Remember...these are recreational youth softball games. Respect the game, respect the umpires, and remember the score isn't the most important part of these games, the kids are. Arguing with umpires and derogatory actions will not be tolerated and should be reported to league officials.

LEAGUE SHALL FOLLOW OHIO HIGH SCHOOL RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. WOYSL league and tournament play must follow league rules. Games versus non-league opponents may agree to rule changes.
2. The official ball must be an approved 11-inch optic yellow ball.
3. The official pitching rubber must be 35-feet from home plate.
4. Batting helmet with face mask and chin strap must be used. Fielding face masks are highly recommended if the players' home member organization does not require them being worn.
5. A team must have at least 8 players to begin a game, no less than 7 players to continue.
6. Games are 5 innings with 3 outs or 5 runs constituting an inning, except for the last inning which means teams are allowed to score until 3 outs are made by the defense. Extra innings are also deemed Open Innings.
7. No new inning will begin after 1(hr) and 30 (min) time played with the only exception being the Championship Game in the Tournament. Championship Tournament Game will be played until complete
The official time should be noted by the umpires and marked on the home team's scorebook.
NOTE: An OPEN INNING must be called by the umpire and then completed for a game to be deemed complete. The OPEN INNING will be called at the discretion of the umpire and should be called by the umpire in time to complete an average regulation inning within the allotted Time Limit.
8. The Run Rule is 15 after 4 innings (or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is winning).
9. Each team will field 10 players: Pitcher, Catcher, 1st Baseman, 2nd Baseman, Shortstop, 3rd Baseman, Left Fielder, Left Center Fielder, Right Center Fielder, and Right Fielder. No Floater/Rover.
10. Runners may only steal one base per pitch. If a runner attempts to steal a second base on one pitch and is tagged out, the runner is out. If the runner reaches base safely, time is called and the runner returns to the previous base.

11. Runners may steal home but ONLY on a passed pitched ball. If the ball has been retrieved and no attempt was made, the play is over and the runner may not advance.
12. No delayed steal.
13. If the catcher makes a play on a runner at third base, the runner may advance at their own risk.
14. No leading off, runners may only leave the base after the ball crosses home plate.
15. If a player is caught leaving the base early, the player shall be warned. Runners leaving the base early following the warning shall be called out, remaining runners will be returned to their original bases.
16. A pinch runner may be inserted for the pitcher or catcher when there are two outs and they are on base in order for the catcher to put on their equipment and the pitcher to get ready. The pinch runner must be the player who made the last out of the inning. This is optional and not a requirement.
17. No infield fly rule.
18. Continuous batting order. All players bat, if a player shows up after the game has started, she will be put in the last position in the batting order. Changes should be reported to the umpire and opposing book.
19. Free substitutions of players with the exception of the pitcher. See below.
20. Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game. One pitch constitutes one inning. No pitcher shall re-enter in the same inning.
21. If a game goes into extra innings, pitchers will receive one extra inning (4th inning) to return to pitch in the extra inning.
22. A pitched ball may not be more than 6 feet off of the ground. This pitch will be called a ball if not swung upon even if it crosses the plate.
23. A player from a lower age group is ineligible to pitch.
24. If a player throws a bat, both teams will be warned at the same time. Next player throwing a bat by either team will be called out. The ball is dead and all runners return to the base occupied at the the time of the pitch.
25. No dropped third strike.
26. All players are required to play at least 2 defensive innings during league & tournament play.
27. If a player is removed from a game by the coach due to sickness or injury, that player may not return to the game. Players position in the batting order will be skipped but no out will be called. This rule applies to league and tournament games.
28. Tournament games will not be cancelled, only postponed. If less than four (4) complete innings have been played, play will resume where it left off. (Pitch count and runners included)
29. Run rule and time limit is in affect during league and tournament play. No time limit during the tournament championship game.

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