

Western Ohio Youth Softball League

12 and Under Fast Pitch League

Coaches:

1. Coaches are responsible for reporting scores and the need to makeup games.
2. Umpire/umpires shall be 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 is not 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 12-inch optic yellow ball.
3. The official pitching rubber must be 40-feet from home plate.
4. Batting helmet with facemask and chin strap must be used. Fielding face masks are highly recommended if the players' home member organization does not require them.
5. A team must have at least 8 players to begin a game, no less than 7 to continue.
6. Games are 6 innings with 3 outs or 6 runs per inning constituting an inning, except for the open inning, which means teams are allowed to score until 3 outs are made by the defense. Extra innings are also deemed open innings. 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.
7. The Run Rule is 12 after 5 innings. (4 1/2 innings if the home team is winning).
8. Each team will field 10 players: Pitcher, Catcher, 1st Baseman, 2nd Baseman, Shortstop, 3rd Baseman, and 4-Outfielders. No floater/rover.
9. Stolen base rules are as written in the NFHS (OHSAA) rule book.
10. 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.
11. No infield fly rule.
12. Drop 3rd strike rule IS in affect according to NFHS (OHSAA) rule book.
13. Continuous batting order. All players bat. If a player shows up after the game has started, the player will be put in the last position in the batting line up.
14. Free substitutions of players allowed with the exception of the pitcher. See below.

15. Pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game. One pitch constitutes one inning. No pitcher may re-enter in the same inning.
16. If a game goes into extra innings, pitchers will receive one extra inning (4th inning) to return to pitch in the extra inning.
17. A player from a lower age group is NOT eligible to pitch.
18. If a player throws a bat, both teams will be warned at the same time. Next player that throws a bat from either team will be called out. The ball is dead and all runners return to the previously occupied base.
19. All players are required to play at least 2 defensive innings during league play.
20. 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 not out will be called for the remainder of the game. This rule applies to both league and tournament play.
21. 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 base runners included)
22. Run-rule and time limit is in affect during the regular season and tournament play with the exception being the tournament championship game where the run rule IS in affect but the time limit IS NOT in affect. No time limit during tournament championship game.

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