

Western Ohio Youth Softball League

8U Coach Pitch League Rules

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. Reminder...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.

Teams:

1. 8U WOYSL teams may not start a game with less than 8 players at the start of the game. The penalty shall be declaring a forfeit.
2. Players arriving after a game has begun or if a game is postponed due to weather or other circumstances, may immediately be placed in the field but MUST be placed at the end of the batting order.

Players:

1. A player must be between the age of seven (7) but not older than (8) by January 1st of the current playing year.
2. If a player is injured, the player's batting position may be skipped at no cost. If a player is capable to return to play, the player is placed in the original batting order.

Schedules:

1. Game start times shall be noted on the schedule.
2. A regulation game shall consist of six (6) innings.
3. In case of inclement weather, four (4) innings constitute a complete game unless otherwise agreed upon by coaches and/or league officials.
4. Game will start no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time. Penalty will result in a forfeit with a 7-0 score reported.
5. A regulation game shall run with a time limit of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes. The official time should be noted by umpires and marked on the home team's scorebook. NOTE: An OPEN INNING must be called by the umpire 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.
6. In case of a tie game after the regulation 6 inning game or time limit the game shall be completed using EXTRA INNINGS.

Playing Rules:

1. The WOYSL 8U League shall be governed and adhere to the rules and regulators by the league members.
2. The official ball must be an approved 11-inch optic yellow softball.
3. Every player must bat in team roster order. Batting out of order constitutes an out.
4. Each girl will be pitched up to five (5) arched pitches. If the fifth (5th) pitch is a foul ball, the batter will be given unlimited foul balls.
5. The pitching coach must have both feet inside the 8-foot circle surrounding the 35-foot pitching rubber. Both feet must stay inside the circle during the pitch ie; no stepping out during the ball release.

6. Base paths shall be 60 feet.
7. All fielders, pitchers, and other players may position themselves no closer than thirty (30) feet in front of the home plate before the ball is released. Players playing the pitcher position must have one foot inside the circle and may be no closer than the pitching rubber (35 feet).
8. Outfielders must be in the grass, five (5) feet from the foul line until contact is made with the bat and ball.
Maximum of 5 outfielders on defense.
9. No infield fly rule.
10. 6 runs per inning, open after five (5). Open inning will be called at the discretion of the umpire and should be called by the umpire in time to complete an average inning within the allotted Time Limit.
11. No stealing - the player will be called out.
12. Two (2) coaches may be in the OUTFIELD to coach the fielders.
13. Umpires and/or coaches should remind both teams of NO jewelry before the game starts.
14. There can be NO more than 6 infielders. Six (6) infielders include the catcher and one pitcher. Player Pitchers must have one foot inside the pitcher's circle and shall be even with or behind the pitching rubber (35 feet), no rover.
15. On an overthrown ball, the players may advance one (1) and only (1) base at their own risk, and then play is finished. Play is finished once the lead runner has stopped and "time" is declared by the umpire.
16. The Pitching Coach will only coach a batter while in the batter's box. They may not stand in the pitching circle and coach the runners. Once the ball is hit, the Pitching Coach will leave the pitcher's mound in the opposite direction of the batted ball and proceed to foul territory removing themselves from the field of play.
17. If the pitching coach interferes with a player making a play on the ball, the play is dead and will be replayed.
18. No protest. Umpire decisions are final.
19. Each team will keep score with the home team as official. Respective scorers and umpires shall consult each other during the game to ensure validity.
20. If a team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs at the end of four (4) innings, the game shall be declared final by run rule.
21. Catchers must wear a catcher's mask or batting helmet with face mask and chest protector.
22. 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. (Ball count included)
23. Tournament Games: Run rule IS in effect during tournament play.
24. No wooden bats allowed. Softball bats only, no big-barreled bats. Questionable bats may be brought to the attention of the umpire and/or WOYSL league officials. Tee ball bats are allowed.
25. Sliding is permitted.
26. Play is finished when the umpire declares "time."

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