

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUES

1. Runners may steal bases (excluding home), but may not leave a base until the pitched ball has reached or passed home plate. Runners leaving too soon will be called out and any subsequent action during the game is ruled dead. Overthrown balls back to the pitcher, from the catcher, are dead unless the ball enters the grass area of the outfield. At that time, the runner may advance with liability to be put out.
2. When the bases are loaded, the batter may not be walked until seven called balls have been delivered to the plate. Once a batter has stepped to the plate under this rule, it shall remain in effect throughout the turn at bat.
3. All available players are listed in the batting order and come to bat even if they are not playing in the field at that time.
4. Teams must field at least eight players. If a Team plays with only eight players, an out will be recorded in the ninth batting position (empty spot). In the event of the ninth player later becoming available, the player may take this spot in the batting order and no further penalty will be made. Coaches may not list batters in their lineup until they are bodily present and able to play. A batting order that is presented to the opposing coach may not later be altered except as in a legal substitution.
5. At the Coaches' discretion, free substitution of players is allowed. Players must play in the field at least every other inning.
6. Regulation games shall be six innings. ~~Three innings using the pitcher machine and three innings of regular pitching. No game shall continue for more than eight innings.~~
7. All games will consist of live pitch
8. No more than six runs per inning will be allowed to score, except in the last inning.
9. A pitcher who hits three batters in one inning, or four batters during the game, will not be allowed to pitch in the rest of the game.
10. No infield fly rule.
11. No dropped third strike.
12. Ten run rules shall not apply in league games.
13. At initial start of a game, each pitcher at the start of the first inning will be allowed 10 practice pitches, then play shall begin. All pitchers will be allowed five practice pitches at the beginning of all innings thereafter. If a new pitcher is brought into the game at any time, he/she will be allowed 10 practice pitches and shall abide by the five practice pitch rule thereafter.
14. ~~No pitcher may pitch more than 3 consecutive innings in one single game.~~