

8U COACH PITCH RULES FOR SOFTOBERFEST- TROY IL

Each team will need to supply a responsible coach to pitch to their team. There are no walks. The player remains batting until she puts the ball in play or strikes out. (5 pitch max.) If player gets 3 strikes before 5 pitches she will be out. If the batter fouls the 5th or additional pitches, she keeps batting until she either puts the ball in play or strikes out. If the batter swings at a ball outside of the strike zone it is still a strike. There is no dropped 3rd strike.

STEALING/LEAD-OFFS

No stealing and no lead offs of bases is allowed. A runner may not leave the base until contact has been made by the batter. If a player leads off before contact is made by the batter it is at the umpire's discretion if the runner is out.

BUNTING

No bunting is allowed.

BATTING RULES

Each inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs scored. Mercy rule will be in effect (the game ends if one team leads by 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings or eight runs after five innings)

COACHES ON THE FIELD

Teams are permitted 1 coach in the outfield defensively, to help instruct the girls.

This coach is not allowed to actually field a hit or thrown ball. All of defense coaches should remain in the dugout.

When on offense, a team is allowed the 2 base coaches.

Pitching Coach must keep both feet inside of the pitching circle while pitching. Pitching in front of the rubber is allowed as long as both feet remain inside of the circle at all times while pitching.

BALL IN PLAY/DEAD BALL

The runners may continue running until the ball is returned to the pitcher in the pitching circle. Pitcher must have possession and one foot inside of the circle. If the ball is thrown at the pitching coach and they make contact with the ball, play is dead. Pitching coach must not interfere with a play and must get out of the throwing path of the pitcher or players in the field. If a runner is less than halfway to the base, she will be returned to the previous base. This is to the umpire's discretion. The runner may only advance one base on an overthrow to a play that is at first base. Infield fly will not be called.

PLAYERS IN THE FIELD

Teams will bat their entire roster. Teams can field up to 10 players on defense. The 10th defensive player must play in the outfield. Outfielders cannot be directly behind the infielders. They must start in a natural outfield position. In other words, you cannot have 10 infielders. Pitcher must start with one foot inside of the pitching circle.

This is a FUN and INSTRUCTIONAL 8U softball tournament.

Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. Please ENJOY teaching these youngsters some fundamentals, etiquette, and sportsmanship.

Rainout Rule

Rain Out Policy/GAMES PLAYED

0 GAMES PLAYED = \$200

1 GAME PLAYED = \$150

2 GAMES PLAYED= \$50

3 GAMES PLAYED = \$0

Tournaments have a fixed cost incurred but if no games played=100% refund minus a fair pro-rated portion which is \$25 administration fee per team. (8U only)