

## Warren Hunterdon USA Softball New Jersey

## **Modified 10U Rules**



- 1. Games are 6 innings. International Tie Breaker (ITB) begins in the top of the seventh inning if time permits.
- 2. BATTING: One (1) of the following three (3) choices must be declared prior to having the line-up card accepted.
  - a. You can bat a straight 9 player offense. (Courtesy Runner must be bench player)
  - b. You can use the DP/Flex.
  - c. You can bat 10, 11, 12, or entire bench, with any nine (9) playing defense. When using this option:
    - i. You may rotate defense players at any time.
    - ii. Batting order will always remain the same.
    - iii. USA Softball shorthanded rule applies equally for however many batters you are batting.
- 3. Dropped third strike rule is not in effect.
- 4. Infield Fly rule is not in effect.
- 5. The look- back rule **IS IN EFFECT** and results in a dead ball and player is called OUT.
- 6. Bunting is allowed,
  - a. if the batter does show bunt they are not allowed to pull back and swing.
  - b. The penalty for (6-a) will be dead ball and an out will be called on the batter
- 7. No Stealing of home plate at any time. This includes all the following: passed ball, wild pitch, throw- back to pitcher, pickoff attempt or a play or errant throw on any base runner.
- 8. Base runners may steal only 1 base per pitch, regardless of overthrows, errant throws, or plays made on any runner, if runner advances more than 1 base safely, they will be returned without liability to be put out.
- 9. runners can leave at the time of release by the pitcher
- 10. 5-run max per inning.
  - a. In the 6th inning unlimited runs will be allowed.
  - b. If the game goes into extra innings the unlimited runs per inning will still be in effect.
- 11. Only Nine (9) defensive players (no extra fielders are allowed)
- 12. Pitch from 35" using an 11" ball.
- 13. No metal cleats

## Please Note TO IMPROVE PACE OF PLAY:

- No batting practice or infield practice on the diamonds for any game.
- If catchers are not scheduled to bat, at the minimum, keep their shin guards on.