

Sycamore SYCOS “Softball Moms Rock” Rules

- A. Conduct: Sportsmanship will be paramount throughout the day. Coaches are responsible for their players and fans. **All decisions by umpires are final. No protests will be allowed.** Repeated violations will result in the offending team forfeiting their game(s).

We will follow NFHS rules with the following exceptions:

- B. Complete game:
a. 7 innings.
- C. Game Time: Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes early. (Game Time is Forfeit Time unless the team is involved in another tournament game). No practice on the infield will be allowed on the diamonds prior to any and all games. All game times may be subject to change due to inclement weather.
- D. Time Limit:
POOL PLAY: No new inning will start after 1 hour and 10 minutes. Drop Dead at 1 hour and 20 minutes. Score will revert to the previous inning unless the home team is batting at drop dead time and is ahead, then all runs scored in that inning will count for tiebreaking purposes.
BRACKET PLAY: Finish the inning after 1 hour 15 minutes. **Finish the inning after 1 hour 30 minutes on Championship Games for Platinum Division.**

Umpire will start the game timer as soon as the pregame conference has ended.

- E. Run Ahead Rule: 15 runs after 4 innings / 10 runs after 5 innings

- F. Run Limit:
a. 10u – 4 runs per inning / 10 runs in the 7th
b. 12u – 5 runs per inning / unlimited in the 7th
c. 14u – 6 runs per inning / unlimited in the 7th

- G. Home Team: Home team for pool play will be decided by coin toss

- H. Pitching distances
a. 10u - 35 feet
b. 12u - 40 feet
c. 14u - 43 feet

I. Batting Order:

Pool Play and Seeded Play:

- A continuous batting order will be used for all levels.
- Teams may begin a game with 8 Players. If the 9th spot is not filled when that spot comes to bat, it will constitute an out. The 9th Player may be added immediately upon arrival, and placed into the 9th spot.

Seeded Play may use these additional 2 options:

- Bat 9 with a DP/Flex
- Bat up to 10 or 11 with 1 or 2 Extra Hitters

J. Substitutions:

Courtesy Runners for pitcher and catcher of record - last out or a legal substitute.

K. **Fake bunting (slashing) is not allowed at 10u or 12u levels.**

L. Infield Fly Rule

- a. **10u –Not in effect**
- b. **12u & 14u - In effect.**

M. Dropped Third Strike:

- a. **10u - Not in effect**
- b. **12u - In effect**
- c. **14u - In effect**

N. Continuous Walk

- a. **10u – Not in effect**
- b. **12u & 14u - In effect**

O. Ties: Tie games are permitted in pool play games. Seeded games will be played until the tie is broken. Tie breaker innings will use the international tie breaker rule. The last batter to complete a turn at bat in the previous inning will start on 2nd base.

P. Standings

- a. Best Record
- b. Head to Head
- c. Total Runs Allowed
- d. Run Differential
- e. Blind Draw/Coin Toss

Q. Bracket Pairings

a. **14u:**

- #1 seed in all pools advance to Gold Division,
- #2 seed in all pools advance to Silver Division,
- #3 seeds in pools C & D advance to Silver Division,
- #3 seeds in pools A & B and #4 seeds in pools C & D advance to Bronze.

b. **12u:**

- #1 seed in all pools advance to Platinum Division,
- #2 seed in all pools advance to Gold Division,
- #3 seed in all pools and #4 seed in pool D advance to Silver Division,
- #4 seeds in pools A, B, & C and #5 seed in pool D advance to Bronze Division.

c. **10u:**

- #1 seed in all pools advance to Gold Division,
- #2 seed in all pools advance to Silver Division,
- #3 seed in all pools advance to Bronze Division.

R. Rain Out policy

- If no games are played - full refund less \$100 administration fee
- 1 game is played - \$200 returned
- 2 or more games are played - no refund (game is considered played as soon as it is started)

S. Check – in:

- Teams will need to check in at registration table at least 30 minutes *prior to first game* with:
 - Signed team roster
 - Certificate of insurance
 - Player birth certificates (available if requested)