

Belleville 8U USSSA Softball Coach Pitch League Rules

RAINOUT HOTLINE: 618-233-PARK; option #2

***All games will be played by USSSA Softball Rules with the following addendums:**

- A. Games will be a maximum of 6 innings and no new inning will start after the 60-minute mark.**
- B. The defensive team must have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 in the field.**
- C. May bat entire lineup, with free defensive substitution. DP/Flex is not allowed.**
- D. No bunting.**
- E. Maximum of 6 runs per inning.**
- E. The PLAYER pitcher must have at least one foot in the pitcher's circle when the batter's coach is pitching.**
- F. No other defensive players may be positioned inside the circle.**
- G. 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes – Player may continue to bat if they continue to foul off pitches.**
- H. The batter is OUT on a third strike whether caught or uncaught.**
- I. No walks.**
- J. Batters hit by the pitch will NOT be awarded 1st base.**
- K. No infield fly will be in effect.**
- L. Play is stopped when the progress of the lead runner is stopped. Time is called by the umpire. (When a defender has possession of the ball in front of the lead runner)**
- M. Highly recommended pitcher wear face guard.**
- N. Base length will be 60 feet.**
- O. If a runner is more than half-way to the next base when time is called, the runner will be awarded the next base. (Umpires judgement)**
- P. Pitching rubber set at 35 feet. Coach must have one foot on rubber when pitching.**
- Q. Coach may not coach the batter-runner at ANY time. (Penalty: The batter is charged with a pitch. 2nd offense team warning and possible ejection)**
- R. A runner shall not steal a base.**
- S. A runner may lead off at the release of the pitch, however she CAN be put out. If the runner reaches the next base safely, the umpire will instruct her to return to the previous base. If the runner is thrown out, the out stands. Note: This is to prepare the players for 10U.**
- T. The pitching coach must try to avoid interfering with the play.**
- U. If a thrown ball hits the pitching coach, it is considered a live ball, unless the Umpire determined the coach intentionally interfered. If the umpire feels it was intentional, the lead runner is out, and the play is repeated.**
- V. If the Pitching Coach is hit with a ball leaving the bat, all runners will return to their previous base and the batter will bat again.**
- W. Run rules will be in effect for all games. 12, 10 and 8 after 3, 4 and 5.**

SCHEDULING

- ✓ If a coach or manager cancels a game for any reason after the schedules are official, there will be a \$25 fee for this service. If the fee does not get paid, the game will be forfeited.
- ✓ If a coach needs to cancel a game for any reason, he will need to contact the league coordinator 48 hours prior to the date of the game to be canceled. Failure to do so will result in the game being forfeited.

When a game is canceled then Emma Martin (Recreation Supervisor) will reach out to both coaches with a rescheduled game time. If the rescheduled date does not work then Pat will reach out to both coaches to find a date that works for both teams. Rescheduled games will be posted on www.teamsideline.com/belleville and will be highlighted. Games and scores will also be available on the USSSA public site as well as the USSSA App. Games may have to be rescheduled on nights that divisions don't typically play. If you have any disputes with rescheduled game times, then reach out to the league coordinator at emartin@belleville.net. A makeup date will be determined and communicated to the coaches within one week of the cancellation