



GOLDEN STRIP SOFTBALL RULES

Age Divisions

- Fall - age as of April 30th of next year
- Spring - age as of April 30th of current year

8U Coaches Pitch

1. Baselines shall be 60 feet
2. The maximum number of runs per half inning is 5
3. 11-inch Softball
4. In the event that you have an overthrow to first, second, third, or home plate (ball goes behind the fielder at the base or home plate) the maximum number of bases a runner can advance is one base. She will be advancing at his own risk. If the ball thrown to the base remains in front of fielder at 1st, 2nd, or 3rd runners may advance as far as they want at their own risk
5. Once you have an overthrow
 - a. Runners can advance a MAXIMUM of 1 base
 - b. They are advancing at their OWN RISK
 - c. If the infielder or outfielder makes another errant throw on the 1 base advancement it does not matter. The baserunners are restricted to a MAXIMUM advance of 1 base. Does not matter if you have 1, 2, 3, 4, or 14000 overthrows. Your baserunners are restricted to 1 base after the initial overthrow
6. A 10 foot diameter chalked or painted pitching circle with a chalked or painted line in the center of the pitching circle at 35 feet drawn completely across the circle is the designated "player pitcher" area. The center of the player pitch "circle" will be 35 feet from the back edge of home plate.
7. In the Coach Pitch division, the player in the pitcher's position must remain within the pitching circle until the ball crosses the plate. The player may stand behind or beside the adult pitcher, but not in front.
8. 10 players will be allowed on the field at one time. 6 maximum in the infield, 4 in the outfield. Coach or player can play catcher. If you do use a player catcher, she must be fully equipped.
9. 6 pitches will be allowed for each batter. If the batter fouls off the 6th pitch he may continue to bat until he strikes out or puts the ball in play. 6 pitches or 3 strikes, whichever comes first.

10. If the coach pitcher is hit by the ball it is a dead ball and declared a no pitch, **except if the coach is hit by a line drive from the batter then he or she will be awarded 1st base.**
9. All teams will bat a continuous batting lineup. Every player in attendance should be listed on the lineup card. Free defensive substitution.
10. No bat restrictions
11. No headfirst sliding
12. No inning may be started after the 50-minute mark. Innings must be completed after the time limit expires. In case of inclement weather games will be considered final after 45 minutes or 3 complete innings.
13. Mercy Rule is 15 after 3 or 10 after 4.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- All players, coaches, and parents are expected to always behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The umpire's judgment calls are not to be argued. Any player, coach, parent, or fan whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will be warned and may be removed from the playing field or the game site.

EJECTION

- In all age groups, the first ejections result in suspension for the rest of the game and tournament. The player or coach must leave the game site, which includes the parking lot, in which the ejection occurs.

FORFEITS

- If a team must forfeit a game for any reason, the score shall be recorded as the number of innings in a complete game to zero (0). *Example: The score for a forfeited 10U game would be recorded as 6-0.*