



10U Softball Rules

1. Games are 6 innings in length; however, no new inning shall start after 1 hour and 45 minutes unless sunset rule supersedes this rule for safety concerns.
2. Sunset times apply (no new inning 15 minutes before sunset). Sunset rule shall be discussed between coaches and umpire and decided on prior to game start.
3. Ten players may play the field on defense with four players in the outfield. Outfielders must be positioned at least ten (10) feet back on grass or ten (10) feet behind the base path.
4. Pitching distance is 35' and pitcher must be wearing a fielder's mask or a batting helmet with a mask at all times while on the mound.
5. No walks are allowed in this division. If a batter reaches ball 4, a coach from the batting team will come in to finish the count. The batter will strike out, get a base hit or hit into an out.
6. The pitcher and catcher are expected to take the field once the 3rd out is made.
7. Teams must bat the bench in a continuous batting order.
8. If there are two (2) outs in an inning and the pitcher/catcher is on base, the last player in your lineup that made an out can be substituted in to run for the pitcher/catcher so they can get their gear on for the next half inning.
9. Leading off and stealing is allowed. Base runners cannot lead off or steal until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. No stealing home.
10. Bunting is allowed, however any ball bunted foul with two (2) strikes on the batter will be considered an out,
11. Each team's turn at bat will end when there are three (3) outs or five (5) runs scored, whichever comes first. Once a team has scored five runs, no new batter will be allowed a plate appearance. There is no run continuation. A team may bat as many batters as possible in the sixth (or final inning if the sunset rule is in effect) or in the event of extra innings until three (3) outs have been made.