



10U Girls Softball

Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Foley and Elberta

2017 Local Rules



All rules are determined by the USSSA rule book unless specified otherwise hereafter:

1. The game shall be one hour and 10 minutes or 6 innings. No new inning will start after one hour and 10 minutes.
2. If a team cannot field 9 players to start the game (3 outfielders), a team may begin the game with 8 players per USSSA rules.
3. Each team will bat the entire roster. Free substitution throughout entire game including pitchers. If an injury occurs during a game, the team is NOT subjected to an automatic out. The player is just skipped in the batting lineup.
4. All players must play at least 3 consecutive outs in the field.
5. The game ball will be an approved 11" softball.
6. The home team will have the official scorebook.
7. All defensive players who are pitching or playing 3rd base MUST wear a face mask.
8. The catcher must wear proper catcher's equipment. They cannot remove their helmet until the ball has been hit.
9. Players are allowed to bunt at the 10U level however a batter is **not** allowed to "flash" a bunt then slap (slash) hit due to safety concerns.
10. Once the pitcher releases the ball, the base coaches may not instruct a batter to swing or not to swing. All communication must take place prior to or after the pitch.
11. Players will receive one warning for throwing/slinging the bat.
12. After the pitcher releases the ball, base stealing is allowed under the following rules: 1) Runners starting at first base or second base are entitled to steal with liability to be put out. 2) Runners starting at third base may NOT steal home but are liable to be put out if they are off the base. 4) Runners can only score on a) a batted ball. b) a base on balls or hit batter with bases loaded. c) an awarded base when the ball goes out of play. d) an illegal pitch.
13. We are playing the third strike (if swinging) passed ball rule. First base MUST be vacant with less than 2 outs. If the catcher attempts to throw out the runner, the ball is "in play".
14. Due to safety reasons, 10U is not required to slide. If a player chooses to slide absolutely no sliding head first into a bag unless they are returning to the bag i.e. due to a caught fly ball, etc.
15. NO PLAYERS ON DEFENSE ARE ALLOWED TO CHANT TO OPPOSING TEAM WHILE BATTING. In addition, no players on offense are allowed to chant to opposing team while they are pitching. Only positive cheers are allowed from the dugout. No noisemakers allowed.
16. Ejection of a coach/player will result in a minimum of a 1 game suspension subject to the discretion of the coordinator.
17. No protests allowed.
18. Run rule: The 6/9 run rule will be in effect (9 runs max per inning) throughout entire game. A game may end in a tie. No extra innings in 10U.
19. Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.