



2019 Rules Guide

Foley, Gulf Shores, and Orange Beach



1. All rules will follow this order:
 - a. Addendums below,
 - b. By-Laws set forth by the Gulf Coast Girls Softball Association (GCGSA), <https://gulfcoastgsa.sportngin.com/>
 - c. USSSA Gulf Coast Rec. All-Star Rules.
 - d. Final: defaulted to Latest Edition of the USSSA Fast Pitch rules and By-Laws. http://web.ussa.com/ussa/ussa-general/2018_USSSA_FPRB.pdf
 - e. Local Addendum for each age group.
2. All infielders must wear a face mask while playing defense.
3. Minimum play rule: each team shall bat the entire roster and all players must play at least three consecutive outs in the field.
4. Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.
5. International tiebreaker per USSSA rulebook.

8U Girls Coach Pitch

Age Group Specific Rules

1. The game shall be one hour or 6 innings.
2. Please refer to 8U Coach Pitch rules in USSA Fast Pitch All-star Rulebook

Local Addendum

1. Teams shall make an effort to not forfeit a game. A team may play with 9 players and not be penalized for the vacant 10th batter. However, if a team falls to 8 players, the vacant 9th batter will be called out and the 10th batter is skipped.
2. Runs per inning: The 6/9 run rule will be in effect (9 runs max per inning) throughout entire game.

10U Girls Fast Pitch

Age Group Specific Rules

1. The game shall be one hour and 10 minutes or 6 innings.

Local Addendum

1. Teams shall make an effort to not forfeit a game. A team may play with 8 players and not be penalized for the vacant 9th batter. However, if a team falls to 7 players, the vacant 8th batter will be called out and the 9th batter is skipped.
2. Runs per inning: The 6/9 run rule will be in effect (9 runs max per inning) throughout entire game. The penalty for walking the 6th run in is one (1) advanced base for each runner on base.
3. Base runners are only allowed to steal one base per pitch.
4. Base runners are not required to slide.
5. A batter is out when a third strike is not caught by the catcher except for a foul tip. The batter shall be out and the ball shall remain in play, base runners shall advance at their own risk.

12U & 16U Girls Fast Pitch

Age Group Specific Rules

1. The game shall be one hour and 10 minutes or 6 innings

Local Addendum

1. Teams shall make an effort to not forfeit a game. A team may play with 9 players and not be penalized for the vacant 10th batter. However, if a team falls to 8 players, the vacant 9th batter will be called out and the 8th batter is skipped.
2. Absolutely no sliding head first into a bag unless they are returning to the bag i.e. due to a caught fly ball, etc. Due to safety reasons.
3. Runs per inning: The 6/9 run rule will be in effect (9 runs max per inning) throughout entire game. The penalty for walking the 6th run in is two (2) advanced bases for each runner on base.
4. 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” **ONLY** if the batter previously swung on the 3rd strike.