



8U Girls Coach Pitch Softball

Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Foley

2018 Local Rules



See Rule 15 and 17 starting on page 63 for the Official 8U Coach Pitch 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 10 players to start the game (4 outfielders in the grass), 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.
4. 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.
5. All players must play three consecutive outs in the field.
6. The game ball will be an approved 11" softball.
7. The home team will have the official scorebook.
8. A batter will be allowed 5 pitches or 3 strikes.
9. All defensive players who are pitching or playing 3rd base MUST wear a face mask.
10. The catcher must wear a helmet. A chest protector and shin guards are optional unless they are playing behind the plate in the "natural" catching position. The catcher cannot remove her helmet until the ball has been hit.
11. No bunting will be allowed. Penalty is a strike for the batter.
12. Players will receive one warning for throwing/slinging the bat.
13. Umpires are to stand by home plate not behind pitcher.
14. The pitcher must be stationed inside the pitcher's circle prior to the batter hitting the ball.
15. The pitching coach will pitch from the thirty-five (35) foot pitching rubber.
16. The pitching coach may only coach the batter prior to the pitch. He/she may not coach the batter-runner at ANY time.
17. One defensive coach will be allowed in the outfield during regular season play in the grass outside the baseline.
18. Time will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is returned to the player pitcher with at least one foot on the side line of the pitcher's circle. If a runner is more than half way to the next base when time is called, the runner will be awarded the next base. If they are not half way to the next base when time is called they will be returned to the previous base.
19. No stealing in 8U Girls Coach Pitch.
20. 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.
21. Ejection of a coach/player will result in a minimum of a 1 game suspension subject to the discretion of the coordinator.
22. No protests allowed.
23. A maximum of 6 runs can be scored each inning by each team. A game may end in a tie. No extra innings in 8U.
24. Mercy Rule: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.