

# 6U Rules



## Field/Equipment

- Play with 11" yellow Soft Compression (Soft Dot) Softball.
- 25' pitching rubber, 45' base path.
- Batters are required to wear a helmet the entire time they are offensively on the field (batting, running bases, in the on-deck circle, etc.).
- Uniform shirts must be worn & tucked in. No jewelry is allowed.

## **The rules of USA will be followed with the following exceptions:**

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| ❖ 60 minute time limit, when time runs out you will play out the inning | ❖ Open Substitution  |
| ❖ Coaches pitch all innings, 6 pitches per batter                       | ❖ All Players play defense, Extra players should be positioned in the outfield |
| ❖ If the ball is not hit in 6 pitches then use a Tee                    | ❖ The infield fly rule is NOT in effect  |
| ❖ If the final pitch is a foul ball, the player will get another pitch  | ❖ Innings end with the last batter.  |
| ❖ No stealing of bases  | ❖ Last batter runs all the bases to home.                                      |
| ❖ Leading off is not allowed  | ❖ No keeping score   |
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- **All players bat.** Late arriving players will be added to the end of the line-up with no penalty.
  - **All Players play defense.** Extra players should be positioned in the outfield
  - The infield should consist of a catcher, pitcher, a shortstop & three basemen. The outfield will have the remaining players. The outfielders may not set up in the infield. Coaches may be in the field to help instruct their defensive players but must be positioned in grass in the outfield behind or next to the outfielders.
  - A player cannot play the same position for more than 2 innings in a row. A player cannot play in the outfield for more than 2 innings in a row.
  - The player up to bat & the on-deck player are the only two people that are allowed to swing the bat. Players who are not batting or running bases should be seated on their bench.
  - Games must stop if there is lightning. However, games will be played in the rain as long as it is just sprinkling. (See Lightening Rules)
  - Our primary objective is to create an environment in which the participants have fun, learn good sportsmanship, and develop softball skills. **Coaches are responsible for ensuring that this objective is met and for the conduct of their players, parents, and fans. The use of tobacco, alcohol, or any other controlled substance by an umpire, coach, or other volunteer during a softball game or tournament is prohibited.**