

10U-----2018 LEAGUE RULES

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- **A full regulation game in the 10U division will consist of 6 innings (no extra innings ties will be recorded as such). No inning may start after one hour and forty minutes has elapse from the starting time. (umpire and managers need to monitor this).**
- **Team must field 8 defensive players or forfeit. (a player may only be called up only from the 8U Division to fill in). If playing 8 players each time the 9th players spot comes up in the batting order it will be recorded as an out.**
- **Shortened game will be considered complete if 4 innings (3.5 if home team is leading) have been completed.**
- **10U division a defensive team shall consist of 10 players: 3 outfielders1 short center, pitcher, catcher 1st, 2nd, 3rd base and shortstop.**
- **Each half inning is complete after 3 outs or 4 runs have been scored. All runs scored after the 4th run will not count. The 6th inning will have no batter limit.**
- **There will be a continuous batting order. All girls will be listed on the score sheet and bat in that order.**
- **No girl can sit 2 consecutive innings.**
- **Pitchers mound is 35 feet. (Manager needs to make sure of the distance before the game).**
- **Bases are 60 feet apart.**
- **With 2 outs and the catcher on base a courtesy runner will be allowed. The courtesy runner is the player that has made the last recorded out.**
- **The infield fly rule will not be in effect.**
- **Play is considered dead once any player has control of the ball in the pitchers circle, if circle is not visible 8ft from the rubber, a player not more than half way to the next base must return to the last base (umpire will have final ruling).**
- **When a batter is hit by a pitch play is considered dead, even if the ball bounces first and then hits the batter it is considered batter hit by pitch.**
- **A pitcher will be removed from the game if: pitcher hits 2 batters in one inning but, can return to pitch another inning. If a pitcher hits a total of 3 batters in a game they will be removed and cannot return to pitch that game.**
- **A team may utilize a courtesy runner for a pitcher on base that is going to come in the next inning, so she may warm up. (if that girl does not pitch the next inning the team batting will have the girl that made their last out awarded first base as a penalty and the inning will begin with a runner on 1st base).**
- **Stealing is allowed after the ball has crossed the plate. Players can only steal 2nd and 3rd base. There will be no stealing of home plate under any circumstances. Also no runners may advance on overthrows made by the catcher on a runner stealing. Only three bases per inning can be stolen.**
- **If a batter walks no continuous running, the player will remain on 1st base until the next pitch.**
- **The base runner may not leave the base until the ball has crossed the plate.**
- **A base runner hit by a batted ball will be out.**
- **No bunting is allowed.**
- **There will be No dropped third strike.**
- **There will be an enlarged strike zone to encourage the girls to swing at the ball and not wait for a walk. The strike zone will be from the bottom of the knees to the shoulders.**
- **Pitchers are allowed a maximum total of 3 innings per game. Each pitcher maybe reinserted only once per game. One pitch is considered a full inning.**

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- **It is mandatory that all pitchers in the 10U league wear a face mask. All batters must wear a helmet with facemask while batting and on base. It is advised, but not mandatory that first baseman use a mask as well.**
- **The minors division will use an 11" hard softball.**
- **All base runners must avoid contact.**
- **Managers should be reminded this is a 10U in-house girls softball league, and the umpires are not professional umps. Questions should only be raised by the manager in a civil manner, and umpires at no time should be addressed by any spectator.**
- **If a game is rained out it is up to the coaches to figure out a day that both can make up the game. Then get with your league coordinator and they will help find a field.**
- **All game results including date played, division, teams and game winner/loser result should be emailed by both managers to billini33@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Results will be updated weekly and sent to all leagues.**
- **There will be a single elimination playoff tournament at the conclusion of the season.**