

8U-----2018 RULES

1. A regulation game in the 8U division will consist of 5 innings. No inning may start after one hour and forty-five minutes has elapse from the starting time. A shortened game will be considered complete if 3 innings (2.5 if home team is leading) have been completed. No extra innings, ties will count accordingly. **This division will use an 11” soft shell ball.**
2. In the 8U division, a defensive team shall consist of up to 10 players: 3 outfielders, 1 short center, pitcher, catcher 1st, 2nd, 3rd base and shortstop.
3. Each half inning is complete after 3 outs or 4 runs have been scored. All runs scored after the 5th run will not count, until the 5th inning which will have an unlimited number of batters/runs until 3 outs are recorded.
4. There will be a continuous batting order. All girls will be listed on the score sheet and bat in that order.
5. A coach from the defensive team may be on the field behind the pitcher to help direct the players on defense in the field.
6. **The Coaches will pitch the first three weeks of the season giving teams time to practice with girls to pitch. There are no walks while coaches pitch but there are strikeouts, including called strikes by the coach pitching. Be fair! Beginning on May 22nd kids will begin pitching the first two innings of each game and then coaches will take over the final two innings. The kids will pitch 4 pitches. If 2 are strikes she will be given a 5th pitch to try for strikeout. After 5 pitches the coach will come in to finish batter. There are no walks but there are strikeouts and coach will call strikes. Once again, be fair and make it a wide zone to encourage the girls to swing.**
7. Pitchers will wear a mask while on the field, players will wear helmets with masks while batting and on base.
8. A team may utilize a courtesy runner for a pitcher that is scheduled 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 the last out awarded first base as a penalty and the inning will begin).
9. No player can sit 2 consecutive innings.
10. The pitching mound distance should be set 30 feet from home plate.
11. The bases will be 50 feet.
12. No Bunting allowed.
13. There is No lead offs or stealing.
14. The base runner may not leave the base until the ball has been struck by the batter. A base runner hit by a batted ball will be out.
15. There is no advancement on an overthrow. A ball hit which stays in the infield will be limited to a single. A runner may continue on a ball that is hit into the outfield until the ball is thrown and lands in the infield. If a runner is not more that half way to the next base when the ball reaches the infield the runner should return to the prior base.
16. **It is up to both coaches to reschedule any rainouts. Coordinate with your league commissioner to find an open field.**
17. 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.
18. There will be a single elimination playoff tournament at the conclusion of the season.