



Putnam County Parks & Recreation U10 Girls Softball Rules

- **BASE DISTANCE:** 60'
- **PITCHING DISTANCE:** 35'
- **BALL SIZE:** 11" Yellow ball
- **TIME LIMIT:** 1 hour & 30 minutes or 7 innings

PITCHING

1. A player pitcher will pitch to each batter.
2. There will be no walks. When the player pitcher gets to a four ball count, the coach will finish pitching to the batter. The batter will either put the ball in play or strikeout.
3. The coach will have a maximum of three pitches once he/she is called to pitch.
Exception: The batter fouls the last pitched ball. Batter is allowed to continue batting.
4. The batter does not have to swing until the third pitch. NOTE: if the batter has 0 strikes when the coach begins pitching, the first and second pitches are considered strikes if not swung at. However, if a batter has 2 strikes when the coach begins pitching swings and misses the first pitch that is the third strike, the batter is out.
5. The batter will receive first base if hit by a pitched ball from the player pitcher.
6. The coach must pitch the ball according to ASA rules. (Starting with both feet in contact with the rubber and releasing the ball with one foot remaining in contact with the ground).
7. A "defensive pitcher" will be positioned next to the pitching coach.
8. Pitcher coach cannot tell the batter when or when not to swing.
9. Teams may change the pitcher coach once each game.
10. No player may pitch more than 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning.

BATTING

1. Every player present will be in the line-up.
2. An inning will be called when there are 3 outs or the 5th run crosses home plate.
3. No bunting is permitted; batter must take a full swing.

RUNNING

1. No stealing, no lead offs, runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.
2. The batter may not run on a dropped third strike.
3. The batter may advance at her own risk on an overthrow at any base.
4. There is no half-way rule related to base runners in U10 softball. General rule # 3 under Running will apply.

SPECIAL RULES

1. No infield fly rule.
2. During the regular season, if a game is tied after regulation, only one (1) extra inning will be played. If after one extra inning, teams are still tied the game will end in a tie.
3. Teams may field 9 players, six in the infield and three in the outfield (all outfielders MUST play in the grass. Outfielders will not be permitted to make a play in the infield)
4. Each player must play in the field a minimum of 2 innings and must not sit the bench more than 2 consecutive innings.
5. Free defensive substitution of all players is allowed.
6. Play Stoppage: Play stops when the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle area, approximately an 8-foot circle centered by the pitcher's plate.
7. PCPRD will attempt to accommodate all teams with size appropriate catchers gear
8. Teams are responsible for neat and orderly appearance of the dugout during games and practices. Teams are responsible for the cleanliness of the dugouts after use.
9. PCPRD will attempt to supply, to coaches, all needed equipment for a successful season. Bats, Helmets, Catchers gear, First aid kits, ice packs & a rule sheet are standard issue.