

# **Fulton/Lucas County League Summer Fastpitch Softball 2022 Rules 8u**

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## **General Provisions:**

1. Pre-Game Contact: Each coach is responsible to contact the opposing coach
  - a. To confirm that the game is still on the schedule to be played.
  - b. To confirm the location of the field.
2. Umpires: The home team coach ( or Community) is responsible for scheduling one umpire and will be behind the plate.
3. Rescheduling: If there is a problem with the game schedule date or weather prevents the game, please work with the opposing coach to reschedule the game.
4. Team Rosters: We do not collect team rosters but relies upon the trustworthiness and integrity of all coaches to comply with the USSSA age limitations.
5. Game Balls: Each team shall provide one new or good used 11 inch ball per game.
6. Concussion Training: All coaches *must* complete the service training program on concussions and head injuries as required by Ohio Revised Code, Section 3707.01 *et seq.* This is the state law. The following web sites provide information and the training. Upon completion of the training, a printable certificate will be issued.
  - a. Ohio Dept. of Health: <http://www.healthyohioprogram.org/concussion>
  - b. Training: [http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
7. Play Ball! The aspiration of this summer league is to *teach* girls to play fastpitch softball. It is therefore important that all teams play every game on their schedule as friendly, competitive fastpitch softball. Please do not cancel your games but reschedule! If you are short players, borrow players from the opposing team. *Find a way to play the game!*
8. If team has less than 9 players no automatic out is taken.
9. **All Home teams pay umpires in cash.**

## **Game Rules: All games will be played using USSSA Rules except**

1. Time Limit: There is 90 minute time limit on all games. No new inning shall start after the 90 minute deadline from the official start of the game as set by the Head Umpire.
2. Game Length: Six (6) innings is a full game.
3. Run Limitation: Each team may score until they are up five runs or if they are leading five more than their previous total.

**Example : you are trailing 7-0 you can score 7 runs to catch up and then 5 more. Score is 12-7**

**Example : you are leading 7-0 you can score 5 more. Score is 12-0**
4. Team Line-Up: Teams must bat the entire line-up and may freely make defensive substitutions.
5. Pitchers:
  - a. The OSHAA step-back rule for pitching is allowed.
  - b. Pitching distance is 30 feet.
  - c. A pitcher may pitch only three (3) innings.
  - d. If a pitcher has four (4) balls on a batter, an offensive coach will pitch the remaining strikes to finish the count until the batter puts the ball in play or strikes out. All pitches thrown by the coach are considered strikes. No arc is permitted when a coach pitches. Coaches must pitch with at least 1

- foot on the mound.
- e. Pitchers must wear a face mask.
6. Hitting: No batter may advance on a base on balls or “walk.” Batters must either hit the ball (i.e., put the ball in play), strike out or advance if hit by a pitch by the opposing pitcher/player..
  7. Bunting: A batter is permitted to bunt when a player is pitching but may not bunt when a coach is pitching.
  8. Base Running:
    - a. Stealing or leading off is not permitted.
    - b. There is no dropped third strike rule.
    - c. There is no infield fly rule.
    - d. Base runners must be at least to the halfway line between bases when the ball is returned to the pitcher’s circle to be able to advance to the next base; if not, the runner must return to the last base touched.
      - E Only 1 base allowed on an overthrow when a play is made
  9. Defensive Players: Only 6 in fielders are allowed all other must be at least 10’ behind the baselines
  10. Coaches: While a team is on defense, three coaches may be in the field of play to help coach the team. One behind short, one behind second, and 1 behind the plate.
  11. bat throwing: one warning given per player, second offense is an out.
  12. batting helmets must have cages
  13. facemasks are not required in the infield but are highly encouraged