

Lucas Fulton Co. House League Rules Girls 10U Softball

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1. USSA/ASA rules are applied except the following.
2. Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings, 12 runs after 5 innings, and 10 runs after 6 innings.
3. The OHSAA step back rule is allowed.
4. There is a 1 1/2 hr. Time limit on games, no new innings will start after that. Head umpire has the official start time.
5. If a player is injured during the game, an automatic out will not be called for the remainder of the game. The last out can be a courtesy runner for the injured player.
6. 6 inning games.
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Runners must wait 1 pitch after walking before advancing. No direct advances to 2nd on a walk.
9. Pitchers and all infielders must wear a face mask.
10. Hit batters must take their base. The coach doesn't decide.
11. **Home team pays umpires in cash.**

General Provisions:

1. Pre-Game Contact: Each coach is responsible to contact the opposing coach prior to a scheduled game:
 - a. To confirm that the game is still on the schedule to be played.
 - b. To confirm the field location and/or directions.
2. Umpires:
 - a. The home team coach (or community) is responsible for scheduling the umpires for the home games and will be behind the plate
3. Cancellations: Unless canceled because of weather, any cancellation must be communicated to the opposing coach *and* umpire no later than 24 hours before game time.
4. 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.
5. Game Balls: Each team shall provide one new 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
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. No Automatic Out: If batting the entire line-up or if short players, there is no automatic "out" recorded if for *any* reason (i.e., injury, absence, etc) a team cannot fill a position in the batting line-up.
9. Batting Line-Up: batting the entire line-up is required. The team batting order is established at the start of the game.

Rules

1. For safety reason no metal cleats.
2. 10 players on the field. Can play with a minimum of 8. Only 6 infielders are allowed.
3. **Outfielders must be a minimum of 10' behind the baseline.**
4. **60' bases, 35' pitching mound; with 6' radius circle.**
5. Free substitutions in the field.
6. **Stealing- Runner can leave when the pitch leaves the pitchers hand. One base per pitch even with an overthrow. Stealing home is aloud.**
7. On drop third, batter is declared out.
8. You can catch up to your opponent each inning and then score 6 more runs.
9. Each pitcher can pitch a maximum of three innings per game. If extra innings are reached, pitchers can re-enter for one more inning.
10. Players can only be brought up from the 8u division to fill in.
11. **One base per overthrow. If players in the field attempt to make a play at a base, and it is overthrown, the runners can advance one base per overthrow until the pitcher has the ball in the circle. An overthrow to the pitcher does NOT allow the runners to advance. All overthrows are the umpires discretion.**
12. 6 pitches in between innings for pitches.
13. Mandatory slide rule if there is a play at home.
14. Free substitutions in the field.
15. Cages are required on all batting helmets

Penalties

1. No bat throwing. One warning per player. A second offense by the same player will result in an out.
2. If a runner leaves early, no pitch is called, and the runner is out. One team warning. It's the umpires call.
3. Base runners must commit to either steal or go back to base when the pitcher is in control of the ball in the circle. The runner will be called out if she does not commit.