

2012 RECREATION LEAGUE RULES Midway Girls Softball

Rule	6U	8U	10U
Official pitching distance	N/A	35'	35'
Minimum number of defensive innings per player	3	3	3
Minimum number of defensive infield innings per player (*player opt-out for 14+)	1	1	1
Maximum defensive players (6 infield maximum)	All	10	10
Minimum number of players to start a game	6	7	8
Time limit	1.5 hours	1.5 hours	1.5 hrs
Maximum number of runs per inning, excluding final inning. Umpire will declare play dead once limit is met	4	4	4
Pitchers use during games: Must use at least one other pitcher for one complete inning	N/A	Optional	2
Maximum number of runs scored due to unintentional walks	N/A	N/A	4
Bunting allowed	No	Optional	Unlimited
On dropped third strike, batter entitled to 1st base when 1st base unoccupied or when there are two outs	N/A	No	Yes
When base on balls, live ball, one base without liability, batter can continue to 2nd if 1 st and 2 nd unoccupied	No	No	Yes
Number of additional bases allowed on misplaced attempt to put out the stealing runner	N/A	N/A	0
Stealing home is allowed (*unless play is initiated by catcher such as picking off the runner)	No*	No*	1 x/inning
Infield fly rule in effect	No	No	No
Courtesy runner provided for the next inning's catcher when on base with two outs	No	No	Yes

League Rules for ALL Age Groups:

- In the case of suspended games, the game will not be restarted at the beginning.
- Each player will have a position in the batting order.
- The game will consist of 7 innings (10s and lower play 6); an official game can be considered at 5 innings.

Special Rules

- **6U/8U:** Batter entitled to 5 strikes per at bat. The strikes can be called strikes or swinging. One base per attempt. If the ball is a clean hit to outfield, 2 bases can be taken.
- **6U/8U:** Each player is permitted to play the pitcher, **catcher**, and first base positions one time per game. 1.5-hour game limit or 5 innings, whichever occurs first.
- **10U:** Players will pitch only and except for few rules' modifications listed above, **Pony rules apply. No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes. 4 run limit per inning with unlimited in last inning.**
- **13U/14 +:** **Except for participation rules with batting, pitching and fielding. Runs are 5 per inning with last inning as unlimited. Pony rules apply for all areas of game play. No new inning will be started after 1 hour 30 minutes. The umpire will have official time.**