

USA Softball Rules
COSHOCTON COUNTY REC LEAGUE
8U Softball Coach Pitch 2022 Rules Exceptions

1. Roster
 - a. ALL players will bat, even if not playing in the field (roster-bat).
 - b. If a child is injured or has to leave (i.e. restroom break), no out will be taken for her lineup spot. Skip to next player.
 - c. 10 players play the field. Each player must play TWO complete innings. Directors have the right to check books at any time. Eight players must be present to play a game.
2. Game Length/run limit
 - a. All games are five innings or 1 ½ hour time limit. When the time limit is reached, teams must finish the inning. Three (3) full innings will constitute a complete game.
 - b. Six (6) run limit per inning.
 - c. Mercy Rule: 7 runs after 4 innings
 - d. Games may end in a tie if the 1 ½ hour time limit is up or after five (5) innings have been completed. A half-win will be awarded to each team.
3. Equipment
 - a. An 11" ball will be used (375 compression).T-ball bats may be used.
 - b. Infield masks SHALL be worn by all infielders.
 - c. Catcher MUST wear proper equipment at all times when behind the plate.
4. Batting
 - a. A batter may receive five (5) pitches – 3 swing strikes or 5 pitches will be an out.
 - b. Foul balls do count as strikes except on the third strike, and do count as a pitch. If 5th pitch is foul, the batter receives another pitch until it is hit or a swinging strike.
5. Base runners
 - a. No stealing, leading off, bunting, or infield fly allowed.
 - b. Base runner cannot leave the base until the ball crosses the plate. Penalty: runner is out.
 - c. If pitcher has possession of the ball in the circle, not making a play, and lead runner stops, the play is dead.
6. Overthrows
 - a. One base permitted on an overthrow. This includes 2nd and 3rd base when throw enters the outfield.
7. Fielders
 - a. Player pitcher must remain in circle until the pitch is released by the coach pitcher.
 - b. Infielders must start behind the pitching rubber, and outfielders must start in the outfield grass.
8. Coaches
 - a. Two coaches are permitted in the outfield. They must stay behind the outfielders.
 - b. Coach pitcher must make every attempt to avoid being involved in any play once the ball is hit and retreat to the sideline.