

**USA Softball Rules**  
**COSHOCTON COUNTY REC LEAGUE**  
**10U Softball 2022 Rules Exceptions**

1. Roster
  - a. The entire roster/line-up will bat (roster-bat).
  - b. Any game in which a player consists of less than 8 players will be forfeited.
  - c. If a team has only 8 players, the missing position in the batting order will not be counted as an out. If a player arrives after a game starts, they will be added to the end of the batting order.
  - d. Any player who is injured or must leave will not be counted as an out. The injured player may re-enter the game in their original position in the batting order once they are ok to play.
  - e. All players must play at least one full inning.
  - f. The defensive team may consist of 10 players: 4 players in the outfield and no short fielders.
  
2. Game length/run limit
  - a. Games will be six (6) innings in length with a time limit of 1 hour 45 minutes.
  - b. A new inning may not begin any time after 1 hour 45 minutes from the official's start time.
  - c. Full games may be counted as 4 full innings.
  - d. Run Limit
    - i. 5 run limit per inning
    - ii. Mercy - 15 runs after 4 innings; 10 runs after 5 innings
    - iii. The last playable inning will have unlimited runs. (Inning MUST be announced prior to beginning the inning. If no announcement, proceed as normal and game will end as time expires. Coaches will be responsible for inquiring about last playable inning.)
  
3. Equipment: Infielder's face masks and batting helmet chin straps are mandatory.
  
4. Pitching
  - a. There are NO WALKS in this level.
  - b. If the pitch count reaches four balls, the coach pitcher from the batter's team may pitch up to three balls.
  
5. Coach Pitcher
  - a. The coach pitcher must have at least one foot on the 35 foot rubber, and the kid pitcher must maintain at least one foot inside the circle prior to the pitch.
  - b. The strikes from the kid pitcher carry over to the coach pitcher.
  - c. Coach pitcher must pitch under a 6' arc. If a pitch is thrown over a 6' arc limit, the umpire must call the pitch illegal before the ball is hit. The pitch counts in the coach three (3) pitch limit.
  - d. Bunting is NOT permitted from the coach pitcher.
  - e. A batter hit by the pitch from the coach does not walk, and the pitch counts toward the three (3) pitch limit.
  - f. Fouling the last pitch does not result in an out, and the coach pitcher may continue to pitch until either the batter hits the ball or strikes out.
  - g. No stealing once the coach pitcher is in the game.
  
6. Batting
  - a. No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule will apply.
  - b. Infield fly rule does not apply.
  - c. The batter cannot show bunt, pull back, and swing away. No fake bunt, or the batter is out.
  
7. Base running/sliding: The slide rule is in effect. If there is a play at 2nd, 3rd, or home plate, the runner must attempt to slide. The umpire will make a judgement call if the runner does not slide.

ALL 2022 USA SOFTBALL RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS SPECIFIED IN THE EXCEPTIONS ABOVE.