

CYBSA 8U Division Softball Rules

All MHSAA rules and regulations apply with the following exceptions unless stated in General Rules:

- 1) 1 Base Distance - 60 feet
- 2) Machine Distance-35 feet
- 3) Ball-11 inch Softball
- 4) A 16 foot diameter pitching circle will be made around the pitching machine.
- 5) Hash marks at 30' between 1st and 2nd bases, 2nd and 3rd bases, 3rd base and home plate.
- 6) Every pitching machine will be set at 35 MPH

GAME RULES:

- 1) Ten players will play at one time on the field.
 - a. A maximum of 6 players will be allowed on the infield.
 - b. Outfielders must remain in the outfield until the ball crosses home plate.
- 2) Pitchers must wear a helmet with a face guard.
- 3) Up to two coaches per team are allowed on the defense field.
 - a. They must stay on the outfield grass and cannot interfere with play.
- 4) No head first sliding is allowed into any base, if a player slides headfirst it will result in an automatic out.
 - a. Only exception, diving back to the base.
- 5) There is no walking, stealing, or leading off.
 - a. Any runner leading off will be called out.
 - b. Runners cannot leave the bag until contact is made with the ball.
- 6) Play will stop when the pitcher gains possession of the ball with two feet inside the circle.
- 7) The umpire at the machine will determine when the play ends and also the position of each runner.
- 8) A runner who is past the hash mark will advance to the next base.
- 9) An over throw to 1st base, the runner can advance to 2nd base only (Head Coaches, please note that this is a CYBSA rule that may not apply at other communities or tournament play.)
- 10) A batted ball striking the coach or official will still be in play.
- 11) Bunting is allowed 1 time per inning.
- 12) The dropped third strike rule will not be enforced.
- 13) A ball hitting or rolling under the machine will result in a dead ball and those on a force will advance one base, if no force runner will not advance. Umpire calls dead ball.
- 14) Umpires may call a no-pitch at their discretion.
- 15) There will be no infield fly
- 16) The innings will be limited to 5 runs scored unless it is the designated last inning in which there are unlimited runs allowed.