

CYBSA Softball Tournament General Rules

- 1) Age determination is January 1st of that year
- 2) EACH AND EVERY TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP TRASH IN AND AROUND THEIR DUGOUT AND BLEACHERS AFTER EVERY GAME.
- 3) Length of tournament games:
 - a. 8U (6 innings or time limit 1hr and 20min)
 - 10U (6 innings or time limit 1hr and 20min)
 - 12U (6 innings or time limit 1hr and 20min)
 - 14U (7 innings or time limit 1 hours and 45min)
- 4) There will be a 5 run rule per inning in 8u, 10u, and 12u division and unlimited play in 14u. A 10 run rule is in effect after 4 innings. Last inning is the unlimited inning for the previously mentioned divisions. **Exception:** Championship games will have unlimited runs all innings.
- 5) Mercy Run Rule: The game will be over if one team is ahead by 15 runs after four (4) innings (3 ½ innings if home team is ahead), 10 runs after five (5) innings (4 ½ innings if home team is ahead), or a 20 run lead at any point during the game.
- 6) Home team will use the third base dugout and be the official scorebook.
- 7) Each Head Coach will hand in a line-up card to the umpire and opposing coach prior to the start of the game. All players, substitutes and their numbers must be listed on the card.
- 8) When a change is made (subs, courtesy runner, etc.) the opposing Head Coach must be notified as well as the umpire.
- 9) An official game may be played with eight players.
 - a. If a team starts with 9 players and a player leaves due to injury and is unable to bat, their position in the batting order will be skipped without penalty as long as eight (8) players remain.
- 10) You do not have to bat your full roster, however you can if you choose to.
- 11) When a change is made (subs, courtesy runner, etc.) the opposing Head Coach must be notified as well as the umpire.
- 12) A starting player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game provided: the substitute has played their two (2) complete innings. Exception: In case of an injury, which would force a team to only field eight (8) players, a substitute may re-enter the game in the injured player's batting order.
- 13) Unlimited substitution of players is allowed (with the exception of the pitcher), but the original batting order shall be followed.
- 14) A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher to speed up the game. It must be done by:
 - a. The player making the last recorded out
- 15) All players shall remain on the bench during the game and equipment out of the field of play.
- 16) Catchers must wear catcher's mask with helmet, chest protector, shin guards, and a throat protector is required.
- 17) Coaches will perform a bat check prior to the start of the game. Any defective bat may not be used. Any bat bearing "official softball" bat by the manufacturer, shall be considered legal.
- 18) Foul and/or abusive language and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. It is the umpire's responsibility to remove any player, coach or fan in violation.
- 19) Umpires will only give one team warning in regards to thrown bats or helmets. Once this warning has been given the next infraction will result in the following: Thrown bat or helmet, the player is out. Bench warnings or flagrant infraction will result in immediate ejection.
- 20) Pitching machine adjustment should be at the top of an inning or any time in the game if both coaches agree.
- 21) All protest will be handled on the field and resolved before play resumes.

- 22) A Head Coach, assistant, or player arguing an umpire's decision other than a rule interpretation shall receive one warning.
 - a. If the arguing continues, they will be asked to leave, and play will stop.
 - b. If they do not leave within 10 minutes, the game will end in that team forfeiting (This rule applies to spectators as well).
- 23) All equipment and players shall remain in the dugout with the exception of base/field coaches and the on deck batter.
- 24) Safety bases (If in use): Infield hit ball – batter/runner must tag the safety (orange) bag. Failure to do so will be an out. 1st baseman covering must tag the white bag on infield play; tagging the orange will result in an interference call and the batter/runner will be safe. Exception: an errant throw pulling the 1st baseman into foul territory, the baseman may then touch the orange bag.
- 25) Over throws that go into dead ball territory, the runners are awarded the base they are going to at the time of the release of the ball plus one additional base. Agree on dead ball territory before the start of every game with coaches and umpires.
- 26) No head first sliding is allowed into any base, if a player slides headfirst it will result in an automatic out (unless otherwise noted).
 - a. Only exception, diving back to the base.
 - b. If a play is being made on a runner, they must attempt to slide or they will be called out (umpire's discretion).
- 27) Only the Softball Director or League President can cancel a game.
 - a. Games may be postponed for inclement weather or poor field conditions.
- 28) No smoking, use of tobacco products, or e-cigarettes or other devices containing tobacco will be allowed on the premises.
- 29) Any division using a pitching machine-The pitcher will stand on the left side of the machine and even with it until the ball crosses home plate.
- 30) All players will wear official team uniform (i.e. hat/visor if applicable, shirt given by the league). Shoes must be tennis, oxford, or rubber cleats. No metal cleats (unless otherwise noted in division rules), loafers, or loose fitting shoes will be allowed. All shirts will be tucked into pants. Shirts must be worn in condition that they were presented to athlete. If a player chooses to cut the shirt or sleeves, this will result in loss of playing time and a new shirt will be ordered at the expense of the athlete.
- 31) Helmets with face masks must be worn at all times by on-deck batters, batters, runners, and all non-adult base coaches.
- 32) No player shall wear jewelry including watches, bracelets, necklaces, and starter earrings have to be taped (The use of band aids is acceptable). Players violating this rule must be replaced by a substitute, but will be allowed to return upon compliance.
- 33) Everyone on the field must wear closed toe shoes including head coach, assistants, and umpires.
- 34) NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK. THEY WILL BE MADE TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.
- 35) No grills.
- 36) Foul and/or abusive language and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. It is the umpire's responsibility to remove any player, coach or fan in violation.