



SPRING 2024 SOFTBALL RULES SUMMARIES

T-BALL DIVISIONS

- 5U: (BEGINNER T-BALL DIVISION)
 - o Bases: 55 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 30 feet
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required for all players
 - o Defense limit: 1 inning per game per position, please rotate as much as possible, even swapping infield and outfield mid-inning if necessary!
 - o Game length: 3 innings
 - o Time limit: 1:00 "drop dead"
 - o Stealing: No
 - o Outs/score: No
 - o Lineup: Each girl bats every inning, with the lineup adjusted so no one a different girl gets to be the "home run hitter" each inning
 - o Gameplay: Off tee, one base per hit, except "Home run hitter" as last batter, coach pitch may be allowed later in the season division VP approval
- 6U: (TRANSITIONAL T-BALL DIVISION)
 - o Bases: 55 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 30 feet
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required for all players
 - o Defense limit: 1 inning per game per position; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Game length: 5 innings
 - o Time limit: 1:00 "no new," 1:15 "drop dead"
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning
 - o Stealing: No
 - o Outs/score: Yes
 - o Lineup: Continuous (all girls are in lineup)
 - o Hitting: Coach pitch, 3 swinging strikes or 5 pitches max, unless the ball last pitch is fouled. No tee, except early in the season if a player "strikes out"
 - o Gameplay: Machine or coach pitch, hashmark between bases, home plate arc, 1 base on overthrow, home plate is closed, no dropped third strike, no bunting, no infield fly, play is dead when ball crosses pitchers circle (doesn't have to be secure, just has to cross circle)



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TRANSITIONAL KID PITCH DIVISIONS

- 7U: (BEGINNER KID PITCH DIVISION)
 - o Bases: 55 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 30 feet
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required for all players
 - o Defense limit: 1 inning max per position, including pitcher; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Game length: 5 innings
 - o Time limit: 1:15 "no new," 1:30 "drop dead"
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning
 - o Stealing: Yes – lead on release, "steal" if goes to backstop
 - o Lineup: Continuous
 - o Modified count – each batter begins with 1-1 count, no walks – coach pitch, assumes the count, 4 coach pitch max unless foul ball, umpire calls "strikes" from coach.
 - o Division VP can opt to substitute JUGS pitching machine for kid pitch at any time
 - o Gameplay: 2 bases per hit limit off coach pitch, 1 base on overthrow, no dropped third strike, no bunting, no infield fly, girls should still hit if they can if hit by pitch, play is dead when ball crosses pitchers circle (doesn't have to be secure, just has to cross circle)
- 8U: (ADVANCED KID PITCH DIVISION)
 - o Bases: 55 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 30 feet
 - o Equipment: Defensive face guards required for all players
 - o Defense limit: 2 innings max per position, including pitcher; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Game length: 5 innings
 - o Time limit: 1:30 "no new," 1:50 "drop dead"
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning for first three innings, then unlimited 4th and on
 - o Stealing: Yes
 - o Lineup: Continuous
 - o Gameplay: Walks allowed (later in season with VP approval), 2 bases per hit limit off coach pitch (if used), runners may advance if ball not secure in pitcher's hand in circle, home plate closed all season, no dropped third strike, no bunting, no infield fly, girls should hit if they can if hit by pitch



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ADVANCED DIVISIONS

- 10U (ADVANCED SOFTBALL RULES)
 - o Bases: 60 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 35 feet
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required on infield
 - o Defense limit: 3 innings max per position, including pitcher; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Game length: 6 innings
 - o Time limit: 90 "no new," 1:55 drop
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning for first three innings, then unlimited 4th and on
 - o Lineup: Continuous
 - o Gameplay: Stealing, dropped third, home open – full softball rules
- 12U (ADVANCED SOFTBALL RULES)
 - o Bases: 60 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 40 feet
 - o Defense limit: 4 innings max per position, including pitcher; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required on infield
 - o Game length: 7 innings
 - o Time limit: 1:30 "no new," 1:50 "drop dead"
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning for first three innings, then unlimited 4th and on
 - o Lineup: Continuous
- 14U (ADVANCED SOFTBALL RULES)
 - o Bases: 60 feet
 - o Pitching Plate: 43 feet
 - o Defense limit: 5 innings max per position, including pitcher; all players must play at least one inning in outfield and one inning on infield per game
 - o Equipment: Defensive face shields required on infield
 - o Game length: 7 innings
 - o Run limit: 5 runs per inning for first three innings, then unlimited 4th and on
 - o Time limit: 1:30 "no new," 1:50 "drop dead"
 - o Lineup: Continuous