

Farms Softball Division

Book rules apply except for the following local rule additions:

1. Batting team's coach must pitch the entire game from pitching rubber (35 ft. from back of home plate or closer if necessary to make it easier for any player to hit the ball).
2. There will be no walks.
A player remains at bat until 1 of the following 2 things occurs:
 1. The ball is put in play in fair territory.
 2. Seven (7) pitches have been delivered.
3. Ten players will be on the field; four players must be on the outfield grass, and no player shall play closer than 35 feet from the plate. Only 1 Player next to coach on pitcher's mound.
 - A maximum of 10 players should be in the field – no more than 6 infielders, which includes the pitcher's position.
 - If a 6th infielder is used, they will take the position directly behind the second base bag.
 - Every player must be given the opportunity to play both outfield and infield during a game and play each position by mid year.
 - Every player will sit out an equal number of innings on defense per game.
4. Two-hour time limit. No inning may start after One hour & forty-five minutes of play.
5. Continuous batting order, all players must bat.
 - Every player must play at least half the defensive outs of the game, and * ALL POSITIONS by mid season.
 - Substitutions may be made at any time. Kids who sat in the first inning must play the second inning.
 - All players that come to the game must be included in the lineup.
 - Late arrivals to the field should be added to the end of the existing lineup and the opposing manager should be told of the addition.
 - Lineups must be rotated from game to game to allow all players the opportunity to hit in all places throughout the lineup from top to bottom.
6. Five run limit per team per inning. Outs are permitted at Home Plate if a catchable ball is thrown to a coach at home plate.
7. No bunting or stealing is permitted.
8. No infield fly rule.
9. No on-deck batter.
10. Two defensive managers & or coaches are allowed on separate sides of the field: two base coaches (1st & 3rd)

11. Hit batter is not awarded 1st base. Teach batters to move to avoid pitch.
12. Runners may not advance on an overthrow to a base. However, A Batter may take as many bases as she can get on any batted ball until the ball is attempted to be thrown to the infield.
13. If a batted ball makes contact with a runner trying to advance to the next base, that ball should be declared dead, the batter is awarded a single and all base runners advance to the next base. (Example: Runners on 1st and 2nd a batted ball hits the runner going to 3rd base). NO OUT shall be awarded. Coaches, please explain to your runners to try and avoid making contact with a batted ball.
14. Assume all games are on. The manager is responsible for finding out if games have been called for a rain out, games will be rescheduled if possible.

Managers, a child's experiences in their first years playing ball are critical to their ball playing careers. Teach them; make sure they have fun while learning. Encourage them; you will make a difference in their lives. Take your responsibility seriously, you will make a difference.