



★ ★ *Recreational League* ★ ★

USA Softball Rules govern East Bay Recreation games
except were modified below:

EAST BAY Recreation Rules

General 10U/12U League Rules:

1. Game times will be approximately 80 minutes in duration, or 7 complete innings. The last inning will be declared as the game reaches 80 minutes in duration
2. All games will have a 15-minute grace period from the official start time. After the 15 minutes, the team without the proper number of players will have to forfeit the game unless they decide to borrow a player.
3. A team must play with 9 players in the field with a continuous batting order. At a minimum, a team may play with 8 players. (Note: Should teams need to borrow players from one another in order to meet the minimum player requirement, they are allowed to do so.)
4. A player cannot sit for consecutive innings (illness and injury may not apply)
5. Bunting is always allowed in all divisions.
6. Unlimited walks in both divisions
7. For all “non-force” plays at a base where there is a legitimate chance to tag the runner out, (meaning a chance for a collision) the runner must slide into the base (this legitimate chance for a tag out is at the discretion of the umpire). The runner will be called out in the event the player does not slide. Note: the field player cannot block the base without possession of the ball (interference would be called).
8. Drop. 3rd strike is in affect

Rules for 8U Coach Pitch

1. There will be a 4 run “cap” per inning, except for the last inning, where teams will go through their batting order once or until three outs are made, whichever comes first
2. Two coaches are allowed to be on the field in fair territory to provide instruction when his/her team is on defense, one in the outfield, and one behind the infielders. **A third coach of the team that is on defense, is allowed to set up behind the catcher to retrieve pitched balls that get by the catcher. This coach is allowed to give verbal instructions to his/her players but must remain behind the catcher and cannot enter the playing field whether in fair or foul territory.** The coach in the outfield will also help monitor the chalk line. The coach in the infield must position him/herself behind the infielders. If a coach that is on the field with the defensive team is struck by a batted ball, the batter and all base runners will be awarded (2) bases
3. A safely hit ball to the outfield, whether in the air, on the ground, or after being touched by a defensive player (ball must reach the outfield grass) allows both the batter and all base runners to advance 2 bases with the liability of being put out.
4. A chalk line will be installed in the outfield, 125 feet from home plate. If a ball is hit past this line in the air, on the ground, or after being touched by a defensive player, the batter and all base runners will be allowed to advance as many bases as they want to with the liability of being put out. At fields with fences of 125 feet or less, any ball hit off the fence will have the same effect. A ball that bounces over the fence will be a ground rule double.
5. During coach pitch, the player in the pitcher’s position should handle exchanges between the pitcher and the catcher and stand in the circle next to the adult pitching. The coach should not be the one receiving the ball from the catcher. Player must stay inside (both feet) the pitchers circle until the ball is hit.
6. Walks are not permitted during coach pitch.
7. While balls and strikes are not called, a batter can strike out on a swing and miss on the third strike. (With a max of 5 pitches)
8. Stealing is permitted as soon as the ball has been released from the pitcher’s hand, no advances on an error on a steal. No stealing of home during coach pitch.
9. Infielders may not be positioned closer than the pitcher’s mound as the pitch is thrown. Infielders will be able to charge after the pitch is thrown when the batter is bunting.
10. No drop strike three

Rules for 6U Coach Pitch

1. 6U is a team of girls between the ages of 4 years old to 6 years old.
2. This division uses a soft brightly colored ball that the coaches pitch, this division is made to introduce the game to the girls. Each inning the entire team bats the games usually go only 3 innings.