



Walkertown Girls Softball Association Rules Coach Pitch Division 8U

Current USA rules prevail except for the following league rules:

We will have umpires.

No smoking during games on the field or in the dugout. No smoking allowed on the field during practice.

HEAD COACHES/UMPIRE MEETING— Both coaches and umpires will shake hands before every game.

PLAYERS/COACHES/ASSISTANCE--- After every game, players and coaches will line up and shake hands. They will all move to the circle for the chant/cheer. Coaches will not leave their players until they have exited the playing field.

COACHES--- If you need to speak with an opposing coach about any issue, you must take it off the field and after your players have been released. The only exception is thru the umpire as a discussion if it cannot wait or may be something putting a player in danger. (Never approach another coach at their dugout about any issue after game-time is called or before game-time ends and players have been released.)

The Home Team will take the 1st base dugout (No exceptions)

The Visiting Team will take the 3rd base dugout (No exceptions)

An extra field umpire {approved by the board} will umpire in addition to the regular plate umpire. All coaches and assistant coaches will be required to help umpire outside of their division.

SPRING SEASON- will be 1 hour – not to exceed 1 hour 30 mins. No inning is to begin after 1 hour and 20 mins. At the end of the 1 hour and 30 min. time limit, it becomes drop dead. The official game ends and the score is determined by the score at the end of the previous inning where the Home Team received their last bat.

FALL SEASON-Games will be 1 hour – not to exceed 1 hour and 15 min. No inning is to begin after 1 hour. At the 1 hour and 15 min. time limit it becomes drop dead. The Official game ends and the score is determined by the score at the end of the previous inning where the Home Team received their last bat.

If a game is called early due to weather, acts of God, or any other reason and at least 4 innings have been completed, the game will be final. If the game is called after that 4th inning, during an inning, the official score will be determined by the score at the end of the previous inning. Games will be restarted if the first inning has not been completed.

Proper game attire- Team jersey with dark pants or dark shorts. If shorts are worn, players must wear knee socks of any color.

If there is a shortage of core players for a game not properly attired, pool players may be used as long as they wear the proper attire. If no pool players are available to play, the game is forfeited. A coach may play a game with 5 core players and up to 3 pool players. If pool players are not available a coach may elect to play with five core players.



DEFENSE

Pitcher CAN NOT run the ball home if ball is picked up behind the 20ft line. Pitcher must throw the ball to catcher at home plate. Pitcher can run the ball home if the pitcher picks the ball up in front the 20ft line. Violation awards the base runner.

Fielders must return the ball to the Pitcher before it is given to the Pitch Coach.

If an infielder overthrows a ball toward first or third base in an attempt to make an out and the ball goes beyond the dead ball line, each runner will be awarded 1 base provided the runner was making an attempt to advance. A deadball will be called and no additional bases will be granted.

In order to stop the play, the defense must get the lead runner out or the player pitcher must have both feet in the circle and control of the ball. Any runner less than half way to the next base will be required to return to the previous base.

The pitcher player must have both feet in the circle until the batter swings the bat.

Players must attempt to throw the ball back to the player pitcher. Players are not allowed to roll the ball to the circle or any base. This includes underhand throws or overhand throws that are clearly not an honest effort to get the ball to the receiving player. The first instance will be an official warning to both teams. Additional occurrences by either team will result in all base runners advancing one base.

The infield fly rule is NOT in effect the coach pitch division.

All players may play in the field. Outfield players may not play closer than the edge of the grass that starts the infield. Player catchers may be used with an adults help.

Field coaches will stand in Left Field and Right Field positioned behind outfield players. If needed, a coach may call time to position players during the inning.

OFFENSE

Players are not allowed to steal bases.

Batters will receive 5 pitches unless the fifth pitch is a foul ball.

Coach pitcher may interfere with the batted ball to protect themselves or the player pitcher. In this situation a dead ball is called (no runners may advance), and the batter will return to the plate for an additional pitch. The pitched ball will not count in the pitch total.

If player is not on the base when the ball is pitched 1st- a warning to the coach, 2nd-the batters will be called out.

Coach pitcher may stand no closer than 20 feet to home plate measured from the back of the plate.

The 6 run limit will apply in all innings.

Both teams will bat the entire bench. Once the entire bench has batted, that half of the inning will be over.

Mercy rule: The mercy rule is in effect: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings in the bottom of those innings.