

10U Tournament Rules – 2026



1. No new inning started after 1 hour 15 minutes. Championship games are 6 innings – no time limit. Run rules in (2) will apply. **International tie breaker will be used in case of a tie in bracket games. Pool play games can end in tie. If clock runs out during an inning, play will continue until inning is completed.**
2. All games will be 6 innings max with a 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 run rule after 4 innings. If tied in bracket play, after time expires or innings max, teams will play using the international tie-breaker rule: Last official batter of prior inning will be placed on 2nd base with no outs, no strikes, no balls. Each inning after (if needed) will follow this format.
3. No limit to number of players on **team** roster; awards will be limited to 15. **All players must be 10 or under as of August 31st, 2025.**
4. Shoes with metal spikes are not allowed.
5. All players must play at least one inning in the field. The round robin batting order will be used. If a girl is injured and misses her turn at bat, she can not return in that game (no out taken). Ten players with four outfielders on the grass will be used in the field. A game may be started or continued with a minimum of 8 players. Unlimited defensive substitution.
6. NO infield fly rule.
7. Bunting is allowed, but not off coach pitch. **NO fake bunt and swinging (automatic out).**
8. Runners may steal one base per batter. Stealing home is NOT ALLOWED under any circumstances. A runner may only advance home on a batted ball. No stealing during coach pitch. Runners may leave the base once the ball crosses home plate. Runners leaving early will be called out. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher. The runner will be the person who made the last out.
9. There is NO dropped third strike rule in effect.
10. One pitcher may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings of a game. The innings do not need to be consecutive innings. Reminder: one pitch thrown to a batter in the inning counts for one (1) inning pitched. One additional inning allowed for extra innings.
11. Maximum of 2 walks per inning. This does not include hit by pitch. Hit by pitch batters will get their base (with exception when coach is pitching). After 2 walks, beyond that after ball 4, the batter is pitched to by her coach using the current strike count. The coach will get 4 pitches. Batter must hit the ball before or on the 4th pitch or batter is out. A batter fouling off any balls pitched on the 4th pitch or beyond will receive an additional pitch. The umpire will continue to call strikes during coach pitch until the batter strikes out or puts a ball in play. During coach pitch the defensive pitcher must be within the circle even with or behind the pitching rubber and coach. A strike will be called if coach, while pitching, verbally assists his/her batter. Coach shall pitch from pitching rubber.

12. Final team roster must be turned into the tournament director or concession stand 1/2 hour before 1st game. No changes will be made to roster after that time. Proof of age needs to be available should a question arise. It is the responsibility of the coach to provide this information should they be asked. ELIGIBILITY IS SET BY USA SOFTBALL GOVERNING RULES Games will be forfeited in which an in-eligible player has been used. Line-ups should be shared with opposing team 10 minutes before game time.

13. Home team is decided by a coin flip. Home team is official scoreboard. Scorebook may be kept in paper form or by Game Changer. In bracket play, team with best seed # will be home team. **Home team will report official final score of game to concession game after each game.**

14. Visiting team will control the scoreboard.

15. Aside from the above exceptions, refer to most current USA Softball rule book.

16. **Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward an opposing team, umpire or official of the tournament will NOT be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to ejection of said team member, coach or fan, without warning, by a tournament official or umpire.**

17. The tournament director reserves the right to change any of the rules previously listed.

18. Seeding tie breakers are as follows:

- i. Head to head competition
- ii. Run differential (runs scored – runs allowed, 10 run per game max)
- iii. Runs allowed.
- iv. Runs scored. (teams will only be credited with a maximum of 10 runs more than they gave up for tiebreaker purposes)
- v. Coin flip.