



# 8U RULES

## CHIPPEWA VALLEY GIRLS FASTPITCH LEAGUE

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### Team & League Organization

1. All players and coaches must maintain ASA insurance or equivalent.

### Equipment & Uniforms

1. Metal cleats are prohibited.
2. All players must wear matching shirts with a number on the back.
3. All Players MUST wear a mask if they are playing in the infield positions.
4. Pants are required.
5. Catchers are required to wear a mask, helmet, chest protection, and shin guards.
6. Batters & Base runners must wear a helmet with face shield and chin strap.
7. No jewelry shall be worn. Earrings, necklaces, bracelets (soft or rigid) are prohibited. For those who have newly pierced ears, studs must be taped.

### Conduct

1. Drinking alcohol, smoking, chewing tobacco, or swearing on the field or in the dugout areas by the players or coaches is prohibited.
2. Cheering for your own team only. Disruptive actions or cheering against the other team is not allowed.

### All Star Game & Playoffs

1. 8U will not have All Star games or playoffs

### The Game

#### General

1. All play will follow ASA rules if not otherwise stated.
2. The home team will supply at least one playable ball for each game and will use an ASA approved regulation 11-inch "soft-touch" ball.
3. Players should rotate defensive positions each inning. Make sure everyone plays infield and outfield.

#### Players

1. A team must have 6 players present to start a game or a forfeit will be awarded to the opposing team.
2. 10 girls maximum (4 outfielders) and 6 minimum on the field on defense. We encourage smaller teams at this level to maximize at-bats and ball touches.
3. All players present at the beginning of the game must play. Coaches may bench a player for disciplinary reasons.



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### Batting

1. All players present at a game must bat. Players arriving late will be added to the end of the lineup. Players leaving early will be skipped over in the batting order without penalty.
2. On deck batters must warm up behind the batter.
3. Make a foul arc in front of home plate before the game. Any ball that does not travel past the arc is foul.
4. Batter gets five (5) swings to put the ball in play. Seven (7) to eight (8) pitches max per hitter.
  - a. **Player will use a tee after allotted pitches. Ball is live once hit off the tee. No strikeouts**
5. Coaches may use discretion on pitching distance and speed of pitch to maximize hitter's success.
6. Three (3) outs, five (5) runs or through your batting order ends your inning, which ever happens first.
7. No bunting

### Base Running

1. Runners can advance 1 base on an overthrow.
2. Stealing bases is not allowed.
3. Runners leave base when ball is hit.
4. Runners must stop when the ball enters the infield. If the runner is not at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  way to the next base when the ball breaks the plain of the infield, they must return to their previous base.

### Time Length

1. All games will play 4 innings or 1 hour time limit. Coaches must have a meeting prior to the game starting to discuss which rule they will follow. This is unique as some parks host multiple games on a field on the same evening

### Additional Rules

1. Dropped Third Strike is not allowed.
2. Infield Fly rule is not enforced.
3. Look Back rule is not enforced.
4. "Ball shagging" by coaches should be discussed prior to the games start and be agreed upon as some coaches may want to develop catchers