



NORTHWEST GIRLS SOFTBALL

6-U Rules

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USA rules will be used with the following modifications:

GAME TIME BEGINS WITH COACH'S FIRST PITCH.

ALL COACHES MUST BE ACE CERTIFIED. All coach staff must wear their USA cards at practices and games. **An ACE certified female must be in the dugout or on the field at all times during games and practices**

1. Game is over at the 1 hour mark.
2. Forfeits will occur 5 minutes after game time unless prior game has run late.
3. A game will NOT be rescheduled unless it is called due to weather or safety issues.
4. Girls must be in full uniform with shirts tucked in. Face masks are mandatory for any girl playing any infield position. If hats are worn, they must be "like" in color. **NO METAL CLEATS**
5. No jewelry or hard hair accessories. Sport rope necklaces are allowed.
6. There are no umpires.
7. Pitching distance is at coaches' discretion. Base distance is 60 feet. Ball size is 10-inch RIF ball. Coaches will pitch 4-5 balls to each batter, if the batter does not put the ball in play, the coach may use the batting tee until the ball is put in play.
8. Bat the bench every inning. (All Players in attendance.) Last batter hits a homerun to clear the bases. Notify the other team that your last batter is at the plate.
9. All players may be on the defensive playing field.
10. Infield fly and drop third strikes do not apply.
11. No Stealing.

12. Only one base on an overthrow, thereafter the ball is a dead ball. Should a runner advance beyond the one base awarded, she must return to the awarded base before the next play begins.
13. Faking a bunt to swing is not permitted.
14. A batter hit by a pitch is not awarded first base.
15. Sliding is permitted and encouraged, but not mandatory.
16. No score is kept.
17. Every girl must play two defensive innings. Substitutions must be made by the top of the 3rd inning. If any players were unable to play their 2 innings, those players must start the next game and complete any missed innings. A team in violation of this rule will have the Head Coach suspended from the field for one full game.
18. Negative cheering is not permitted in any form. All cheering must be positive. Parents, coaches, spectators, and players will not humiliate players under any circumstances. The Head Coach may be subject to removal from the game if any parent, relative or friend of a team member or staff is not able to conduct themselves positively and/or appropriately.
19. Defense is allowed one coach in the outfield.
20. NO ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS.