

Tournament rules for 7 & 8 year olds Softball NC District 5

1. Only ten players on the field, with four players in the outfield and six in the infield.
2. There will be two circles at the pitching area, one on each side of the pitching machine. These should be 48 inches in diameter.
3. The pitcher must occupy one of the pitching circles (at least one foot in the circle) when the ball is hit.
4. Each batter will get a maximum of six pitches or three swinging strikes with no walks. (Exception: foul ball on sixth pitch.)
5. Stopping play: Once all forward progress of runners is stopped, play stops. Runners may not advance on a throw away ball to the pitcher after play is stopped. Cannot throw ball back to coach to stop play.
6. Bunting is not allowed.
7. No throwing of bats. Each offense will be a warning: Player could be ejected if flagrant and intentional. (Umpires judgment)
8. Sliding: players cannot slide head first into any base, only on a return to the base. Players should be called out on first offense.
9. Batted ball hitting pitching machine results in a dead ball, batter and all runners on base will be awarded one base.
10. Batted ball hitting the offensive coach feeding the pitching machine, dead ball no pitch.
11. The pitching machine should be set at 32 mph with the goal of 31 mph to 33 mph at the plate at a distance of 32 feet. This will be a wheeled pitching machine (Jugs type or similar). No spring arm machines are allowed.
12. There will be a Maximum of 5 runs per inning. 6th inning open.
13. 10 run rule will be in affect after 4
13. Mandatory play: If a team has 12 player's eligible or less at the game, 6 consecutive outs are required. If 13 players or more, 3 consecutive outs are require
14. The continuous batting order is mandatory for all Tee Ball and Minor League divisions.
15. Each game will consist of six innings . (Exception: ties will be broken.)
16. Three coaches on the field on offense: Two base coaches and on feeding pitching machine. One coach must remain in the dugout.
17. There can be 4 Coaches. 2 base coaches, 1 running the machine and one in dugout.
18. Conduct: Head coaches are responsible for all assistant coaches' players and parents' conduct during all games. Unsportsmanlike like conduct will not be tolerated.
19. Team should be at the field thirty minutes before game time. Line up must be turned to official scorekeeper fifteen minutes before game time.
20. Home team will be decided by the flip of a coin with the winner of the flip choosing home or visitor or choice of dugout. Opposing team will get the other choice.
21. No painted helmets allowed.
22. The offensive coach playing pitcher may only coach the batter while batter is in box. After runner leaves the box advancing to 1st the coach pitching must stop coaching and the base coaches begin.
23. Players in invitational tournaments (9U) are eligible for only one tournament just like players in sanctioned tournaments.
24. There will be NO infield fly rule.
25. There will be no time limit.
26. Catchers are not required to wear catchers gloves.