

## **12u Softball USSSA Modified rules**

1. ALL players playing infield positions must wear a protective face mask
2. Runners are permitted to steal once the pitch leaves the pitcher's hand.
3. Look Back Rule : Once the runner reaches a base and the ball is returned to the pitcher inside the circle, runners are not permitted to leave the base until the following pitch. In the event a runner tries to lead off or leave early. The runner in question will be called out. Umpire judgment will dictate. Umpires can only call what they see.
4. Dropped 3rd Strike: In the event strike 3 is called and the catcher drops the ball , the runner must either be tagged or ball thrown to first basemen and first base tagged before the runner reaches the bag to be called out. In the event a 3rd strike is dropped with 1 or no outs and first base is occupied (occupied means if the runner was on first at the time of pitch) then the batter will be called out regardless. If there are 2 outs then the runner can try to run to first base if they are not tagged or thrown out.
5. Game time will be 1hr 15 mins finish the inning, mercy rules are if a team is leading by 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, OR 8 runs after 5 innings. The home team will always get the last chance to bat unless the home team is winning in the last inning or by one of the above mentioned margins.
6. If the batting team scores 7 runs in an inning, teams will switch.
7. You can bat the entire roster if you choose or just the 9 in the field coaches preference.
8. In the event a player is injured and cannot continue if there is a sub available you can use your sub and not take an out. If you do not have a Sub and the player cant make their plate appearance an out will be given in the place of that player.
9. If a batter bats out of order - the first time will be a warning, the batter will be replaced by the correct batter and given the same ball and strike count. The second time will be an out.
10. Ejections: it is USSSA rule that if a player ,parent or fan of a team gets ejected the head coach must also be ejected along with player , parent or fans ,child or parent. MGCBP reserves the right to implement suspensions and stipulations to persons ejected from games, and the umpire will also have a say in when you get to return.
11. Game time will begin from the moment the "plate meeting" is over. Ask the umpire for official start time and it is good practice to announce and clarify.
12. Bunting and "Slapping" are legal.
13. USING SUBS: Substitute players , can come on for a starting player , play that players position and bat there spot in the lineup, the STARTER may reenter for the sub at which point the sub will be considered "burnt" meaning that they are not eligible to play the rest of the game . If the sub is re-entered upon protest the sub will then be removed. If the sub has plate appearance before the mistake is protested and there is a live ball before protest action can be taken(player called out and removed) before the next batter has received the first pitch. Pinch runners are legal 1 per inning also courtesy runners for Pitcher and Catcher are allowed each inning.