

# League Rule Changes Effective Fall 2018

A The official pitching and base distances for each division:

DIVISION	PITCHING	BASELINE
6-Under	N/A	45 feet
8-Under	30 feet	60 feet
10-Under	35 feet	60 feet
12-Under	40 feet	60 feet
14-Under	43 feet	60 feet
16-Under	43 feet	60Feet

If an illegal pitching distance or base distances are discovered during the game, they must be corrected to the legal distances if possible, at the completion of the inning.

Full Coverage running helmet with face mask must be worn by batter, base runners, youth base coach and on deck batters during a game. While on offense, helmets are not to be removed until player has entered the dug-out area. Helmets must be worn during any batting warm ups (soft-toss, tee work etc...)

If a Manager/Coach, in the opinion of the Umpire is changing pitchers and/or consistently asking for a defensive conference, or any other attempt to stall the game the Umpire will warn the defensive Manager once, if it continues the Manager/Coach will be ejected and game subject to forfeit (per USA). The Umpire may add extra time to the game at his/her discretion.

If a player cannot play due to injury, that player must be removed from the game.

The player playing up must not pitch, no exceptions.D

In the, **10U, 12U, 14U & 16U** divisions, no new inning will be started after 1 hour and 20 minutes have elapsed since the start of the game, 1 hour and 45 minute drop dead, or seven (7) innings have been played, whichever occurs first.

In the **8U** divisions, no new inning will be started after 1 hour and 15 minutes have elapsed since the start of the game, 1 hour and 40 minute drop dead or six (6) innings have been played, whichever occurs first. Game will end after the home teams at bat (if needed)

Any player, manager, coach, parent or spectator who makes an un-sportsman like remark towards team members, fan or umpires will be

warned and asked to maintain control. If the problem persists, the umpire will eject the offender from the premises.

If offender refuses to leave (out of sight and sound within 120 seconds), the umpire will forfeit the game in favor of the team not causing the disturbance.

Two ejections will result in suspension from league for the remainder of that season.

All Managers and Coaches shall exercise complete control of their players, spectators and coaching staff.

All business of the team shall be handled by the Team Manager. If Team Manager is absent from the game, a single representative to be designated to the Umpire prior to the start of the game. This is usually the person whom attends the pregame meeting at the plate with the Umpire.

Prior to both teams or the Umpire leaving the playing field for player eligibility protests, minimum play requirement protest or pitching regulation protests.

When the coach is pitching the batter will not be awarded 1st base on a "hit by pitch". This will be ruled a "no pitch."

Managers Discretion - If agreed upon by all Managers and Board - can shorten how far into the season the coach pitch for 8U will be used. Coach pitch WILL NOT exceed 4 weeks into the season.

A play at 3rd base does not release the runner from 3rd base. Example: backpick/overthrow on stolen base.

If the pitcher fails to catch the ball (catchable ball) within or near the circle (approximately 5 feet), she is considered to have possession if she has made an attempt to catch it.

#### **COACH/PARENT/PLAYER CONDUCT**

E.W.E. will be used for violations of the Code of Conduct (unless by rule, more is warranted)

ENOUGH- Notify offending Manager/Team "that is enough"

WARNING- Notify offending Manager/Team "this is your warning"

EJECTION- Notify offending Manager/Team "you are ejected, or you must go"

Fans will not engage Umpires.

Any use of personal pronouns toward an Umpire WILL result in a warning to the manager, unless it violates the rules or Code of Conduct where expulsion is in effect.

Official Scorekeeper will not engage Umpire unless asked by the Umpire.

Review League Rules and USA Softball Rules.