

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL

10 & Under Game Rules for the 2020 (rev 3/19)

1. 10 Players will be permitted on the field. The 10th player **must** be a fourth outfielder. Penalty is same as illegal pitch per USA rules.
2. Batting line up will be per USA Rules.
3. Maximum (5) Runs can be scored per inning per team.
4. Neither the Schuylkill County ten (10) run rule nor USA eight (8) run rule will apply.
5. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes (the home team will complete the inning)
6. The infield fly rule will not apply.
7. The drop third strike rule will not apply. The batter will be instructed to run to first base and the catcher to make the throw but the batter will not be awarded 1st base. An out will be recorded. All other runners may advance except the runner at third base.
8. Strike zone is modified to include the shoulders to the middle of the shin.
9. An offensive team's coach will pitch to the batter after the 4th "ball" count on the batter. The pitcher is to remain in the circle while the ball is pitched to the batter. The strike count remains. When the coach is pitching a batter can be called out on strikes.
10. A batter will not be permitted to receive a base on balls.
11. A batter attempting to bunt will not be permitted to swing at a pitched ball, Penalty will be a strike on the batter.
12. Infielders will not be permitted to play closer than the pitching rubber. Outfielders will be positioned no closer than the edge of the infield.
13. An 11" ball will be used for play, No IncrediBalls.
14. The pitching distance will be 35 feet.
15. The home team is responsible to provide an umpire for the game. An ASA Umpire is not required. The "Volunteer Umpire" may call the game from behind the plate or from behind the pitchers mound. "The umpire" volunteers at their own risk.
16. USA pitching rules will apply.
17. One defensive coach will be permitted in the outfield.
18. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one inning, the pitcher is removed from the pitching position for the remainder of that inning and the next inning, after which time that pitcher may be reinserted into the pitching position. Any pitcher that hits a total of 5 batters in one game will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of that game. This penalty does not carry over to next game.
19. A runner attempting to steal home plate will be returned to third base with liability to be put out.
20. 2 "pickups" are permitted for a game-the "pickups" must be in colors other than the team colors, these players are not permitted to play in place of rostered players that are present unless injury or special circumstance. "Pickups" can not be positioned as a pitcher or catcher during the game.
21. 20. If an USA rule is not modified as shown above then USA Rule applies.

22. The above rules are not to be modified by individual coaches before games. This will only cause confusion to the players and parents throughout the season and league.

Playoff Format- Two divisions - Each team in the division plays home and away to determine the 1st and 2nd place teams from each division followed by a single elimination championship tournament. The winner of the tournament is league champion.