

# Copper City Softball Little League Division Rules 

## COACH PITCH

Age: 4 to 6 years of age
Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

## RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play a minimum of two consecutive innings in the field. All players will play the field each inning.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to two innings or 50 minutes whichever comes first. After 45 minutes, a new inning will not be started.

Pitching: The batting teams' coach will throw five pitches to each batter. If there is not a hit after 5 pitches, a tee will be brought to home plate and the player will hit off the tee. There will be no catcher. The coach that is pitching will collect the balls pitched in between batters.

Run Rule: Each team will bat thru their entire line-up at each at-bat. The last player who bats will run around the entire base path and score.

Base Stealing: There will be NO base stealing.

Umpire: There will be no umpire.

## FARM DIVISION

Age: 7 to 8 years of age
Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

## RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two consecutive innings in the field. Ten players will play the field each inning (infield and outfield positions, including a rover).

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from a 35 -foot mound. Players will pitch until a hit, three strikes, or three balls are pitched, whichever comes first. If three balls are pitched, the batting team's coach will step in and pitch the remainder of the at-bat. The batter will either strike out (strikes from player pitcher will carry over) or gets a hit.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to four runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed one stolen base per batter. The runner cannot start her attempt to steal until the pitch has crossed home plate. Stealing home is NOT allowed.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight, the batter is awarded first base. If the batter is hit by a pitch after it bounces, it is considered a ball and the player is NOT awarded first base.

Dropped Third Strike: This rule will not be played in this division.

Umpires: There will be one umpire on the field during games.

## MAJOR DIVISON

Age: 11 to 12 years of age
Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

## RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two innings in the field. Nine players will play the field each inning.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from 40-foot mound. Players will pitch until three strikes or four balls are pitched, whichever comes first. The batter will strike out, walk, or hit.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to five runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed as many stolen bases as possible. Stealing home is allowed. The runner cannot start her attempt to steal until the pitch has crossed home plate.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight or after it bounces, the batter is awarded first base.

Dropped Third Strike: This rule will be played in this division for the last three weeks of the season and during tournament play.

Umpire: There will be 1 to 2 umpires on the field during games.

## MINOR DIVISON

Age: 9 to 10 years of age
Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

## RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two innings in the field. Nine players will play the field each inning.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from 35 -foot mound. Players will pitch until three strikes, or four balls are pitched, whichever comes first. The batter will strike out, walk, or hit.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to five runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed as many stolen bases as possible. Stealing home is allowed. The runner cannot start her attempt to steal until the pitch has crossed home plate.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight or after it bounces, the batter is awarded first base.

Dropped Third Strike: This rule will NOT be played in this division.

Umpire: There will be 1 to 2 umpires on the field during games.

