

NORTON 6U SOFTBALL RECREATION GUIDELINES 2026

Ball- 11 inch yellow safety ball (“Softtee”)

Games:

- No umpires
- Ball is hit off a tee.
- All players will be out on the field when on defense. It is strongly encouraged to have players positioned in the “known” defensive positions (first, second, pitcher, short stop, and 3rd base). There can be a midfielder, etc. There is no catchers position.
- **All players are recommended to wear a defensive fielders mask when out on the field. Fielder’s mask are REQUIRED to be worn when playing pitcher and 1st/3rd base.** ● Each player of the team bats once per half inning and then the half inning ends. ● Last batter per half inning, will hit off the tee and clear the bases by running home at the risk of being thrown out.
- Each team’s batting order can be switched each inning to ensure the same player is not always the last player to bat in the inning.
- Max 6 innings, min 4 innings
- No score is kept
- Baserunners advance only 1 base per hit ball in infield; up to 2 bases for hit ball into outfield with the risk of being thrown out—unless the runner is the last batter of the inning)
- A coach of the offensive team will be at the plate to set the ball on the tee and instruct batters in the hitting stance. Offensive team can also have a 1st and 3rd base coach.
- One coach of the defensive team can be in the outfield and one coach in the infield to assist players.
- Towards the end of the season, if both teams agree and the players seem ready, coach pitch can be introduced, with the offensive coach pitching and a defensive coach behind the plate.
- Batters cannot strike out and stay at the tee until the ball is put in play.
- No sliding allowed.
- No leading, baserunners must stay on base until the ball is put in play.
- No infield fly rule
- Batting helmets should have cages and chin straps for protection.
- A safety base should be used for first base.

- The defensive team will use their designated softballs for the half inning.