

6U Division (4-5 years old)

The purpose of 6U is to introduce softball in a low-pressure, supportive environment with an emphasis on fundamentals

THE PLAYERS

1. Teams should have 6-8 players per team.
2. All players play in the field every inning.
3. Players should rotate positions regularly.

THE GAME

1. The game ball should be one brand new 10" soft core softball.
2. Each game shall last approximately 1 hour, or 3 innings. Coaches may decide when to end the game.
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4. Bases are 60ft apart.
5. No umpires, coaches oversee and guide game.

BATTING AND BASE RUNNING

1. Continuous batting order, all players bat each inning.
2. Batting Options
 - Players may hit off a tee or opt for coach pitch.
 - If coach pitch is used, batters get 5 pitches. If no hit, switch to tee.
 - Players are encouraged to transition to coach pitch by end of season.
3. No outs are called; all players advance 1 base per hit. The last batter will run all bases.
4. No stealing. No advancing on overthrows or passed balls.
5. Runners may take a lead-off after the pitch crosses home plate

PITCHING

1. The front of the pitcher's rubber shall be 30 feet from the back tip of home plate.
2. Coaches may move forward towards batters who need additional help.
3. No walks allowed.

SAFETY

1. Defensive players are required to wear a facemask.
2. Batting helmets are required to have a full facemask.
3. On deck hitter must be at the batter's back.
4. Softball pants are encouraged, but leggings may be worn. No shorts.
5. Players must be behind the fence in dugout.