

# 8U GIRLS FASTPITCH RULES

**Team listed first has 3rd base dugout.**

**\*Note: Highest seed on Sunday is home team.**

1. Home team will be the official scorekeeper in all tournament games.
2. Pre-game conference and coin flip between manager and umpires will take place 5 minutes prior to start of game.
3. No organized infield practice before games. Teams may warm up beyond the baselines or in foul territory while infield is being prepared. No live batting is allowed in the complex at any time. Batting nets are allowed.
4. Time limit for all games is 75 minutes. Time begins after the pre-game conference. Time limit could change in case of tournament interruptions. All teams should be prepared to start their game up to 20 minutes early. In the case of time constraints, certain games could go to "drop dead" when tournament is behind schedule.
5. **Pool Play** - Games will be 7 innings or time limit. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, it will be declared a tie. **Bracket Play** - Games will be 7 innings or time limit. Games that are tied at the end of regulation will use the ITB rule until a winner is declared. (Last batted out)
6. Run rules: 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings. **\*\*8U/10U ONLY: 5 up rule will be used.**
7. Team manager may consult with umpires ONLY; players/sponsors/other coaches are to keep out of discussions.
8. 8U Championship Game will be 7 innings or run rule or 80 minutes max.
9. Teams may have up to 20 players on their roster
10. 8U teams must bat all players-No Exceptions!
11. Courtesy runners will be allowed for pitchers or catchers - last batted out or player off the bench.
  - **Pitching/Bases**
    1. 30' pitching plate
    2. 60' bases
    3. 11' ball will be used
    4. No walks-(6) pitches or (4) balls, then coach pitch  
(3) Balls from the coach w/inherited count  
Fouls ball with (2) strikes-batter continues the AB
    5. Stealing 1st/2nd/3rd allowed only-Players may NOT steal Home even on an over throw.
    6. Hit by pitch, batter awarded first base -Not an option
    7. Coaches must pitch from the 30' pitching plate
    8. No infield flies will be called
    9. Bunting is allowed off kids only-Not coaches!
    10. No 3rd dropped strikes-Just an out no matter what
    11. Only (1) base will be awarded on over throws and stealing.
    12. Players may Not advance home unless the ball is batted
    13. (1) defense coach allowed on the field. No coaching during the play though, only before.
    14. Teams may play (10) on defense
13. If a team is playing an extra pool game (4th game), One game will be dropped by drawing a # out of hat (1-4)
14. In case of rain-shortened tournament, pool play games can be deemed official after the 2 ½ innings of play (with home team winning) or 45 minutes elapsed game time. This policy will only be used through pool play. In addition, if games are cancelled due to weather, there may be an adjustment in application of the tie-breaking procedures.
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16. The following procedure will be used to determine seeding after pool play:
  - If 3 or more teams are tied with the same record in a pool, head-to-head will not be used to break ties.
  - Scores may not exceed 8 runs on a seeding game in determining run differential.  
EXAMPLE: Score- Team "A" 20 - Team "B" 6 (Run differential is only +8, NOT 14)
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**ALL TEAMS** are responsible for checking brackets **BEFORE** they leave fields.

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