

8U Tournament Rules (Amended 7/21/2026)

1. 35 foot pitching distance and 11" ball
2. No infield fly rule
3. No drop 3rd strike rule (batter cannot advance to first)
4. No stealing – even on passed balls
5. The defensive coach decides whether to have their player or an offensive coach pitch. If a player pitches and gets to 4 balls on a batter before the batter either puts the ball in play or strikes out, an offensive coach will pitch the remaining strikes to finish the at bat until the batter either puts the ball in play or strikes out. There are no walks.
6. No bunting when there is coach pitch.
7. 6 run limit per half inning. No catch up rule allowed. USA Softball mercy rule – 15 after 3, 12 after 4 or 8 after 5 innings.
8. 4 outfielders are allowed (must be 15 yards beyond basepath)
9. Can bat everyone (coaches option). Free defensive substitutions.
10. No new inning will start after 75 minutes
11. No leaving any base until ball crosses plate.
12. Time is called when ball is thrown to pitcher in the circle. If a runner is in between bases, they must immediately go one way or the other.
13. If a batter is hit by any player-pitched ball, and tried to get out of the way, they will be awarded first base.