

WHITTIER Girls Sofball League
League Rules - Umpire/Manager Spring 2009

Division	Time Limit	Mercy Rule	Stealing -when can she leave	Closed Plate	Dropped 3rd, Infield Fly Rule	Pitching Outs per Game
8U	1:25 No New 5 innings	12 after 4 (See 5-run rule)	Yes- 1st Half - Ball crosses home plate. 2nd Half- Pitcher's hand	Yes - No Stealing Home. Runner may not score from pick-off at 3rd.	NO	9
10U	1;25 No New 6 innings	15 after 4, 12 after 5, 8 after 6 (See 5-run rule)	Yes- Pitcher's Hand	NO	YES	9 1st half 12 2nd half
12U	1:25 No New 7 innings	12 after 4, 10 after 5, 8 after 6 (See 5-run rule)	Yes- Pitcher's Hand	NO	YES	12
14U	1:25 No New 7 innings		Yes- Pitcher's Hand	NO	YES	unlimited

Pitching - Only starting pitcher may re-enter TWICE. Non-starting pitcher may re-enter ONCE. Pitcher that hits 3 batters in one inning must be removed

Tie Breaker - Each team starts the inning with the player who completed the last official at bat, as a base runner on second base. Each subsequent inning will start the same until a winner has been determined. Time limit is waived barring interference w/ another game.

5-run rule - if team is trailing, they can tie then go up by 5. If tie or winning, they can score only 5 runs. Last inning is open

Courtesy Runner - for the catcher only in all divisions when there are 2 outs.

8U Walk Rule - 1st half rule - No bunting or stealing during coach pitch. The batter shall resume the previous strike count. This is the number of pitches that a coach can pitch to the batter. Example: if a batter had one (1) strike on her when she received her fourth ball, the coach can pitch a total of two (2) pitches. If the batter foul tips the last pitch, she will receive another pitch.

Participant needs to leave early - If the manager advises the scorekeeper, other manager and umpire prior to the game that a player needs to leave early, no penalty. If notice is not given, an out is recorded only the first time that player comes to bat. In case of injury, no penalty out is recorded.

Defensive Conferences - 3 conferences per game, must pull pitcher on additional conference.

Thrown Bats - 8U & 10U- 1st half = warning. 2nd half = automatic out. 12U & 14U - automatic out