

CBFO LEAGUE RULES 8-10 League

1. ASA Softball rules will apply except for local rules.

2. Local Rules:

- a) Games will last 4 innings, or 1 hour and 10 minutes, whichever comes first. A new inning will not be started after 1 hour and 10 minutes unless there is a tie. If 1 team is ahead by 8 runs or more after 3 innings, the game is over. If the home team goes ahead by 8 runs in the bottom of the third inning, the game is over at that point. The first 2 innings will be capped at 5 runs and the last 2 innings will be open.
- b) Players will pitch 3 pitches to the batter in the first, second, and third inning. Swinging and non-swinging strikes will be called by the umpire during kid pitch. The pitcher gets an additional pitch for every strike, with a maximum of 5 total pitches. If after 3/5 pitches the batter is not out, the designated coach will pitch a maximum of 3 pitches. The strike count from player pitch will be carried over to coach pitch. Only swinging strikes will count as strikes during coach pitch. The batter will be declared out with 3 strikes or after 3 coach pitches, whichever comes first. Fouls on the last pitch will result in additional pitches. The next batter will begin her turn at bat with the girl pitching and this procedure will continue until there are 3 outs. There will be no walks. The 4th inning will be entirely coach pitch with a maximum of 5 pitches. Fouls on the last pitch will result in additional pitches until the batter hits or is declared out. If a live ball hits the pitching coach, the ball becomes dead and is treated as a foul ball. There will be no swinging or non-swinging strikes called as each batter gets 5 pitches by the coach during the 4th inning. **Only 1 coach is allowed to pitch in the game.**

Flat Pitch-

Anytime the coach is pitching, the ball must be pitched flat as in fast pitch. If the pitch has a “rainbow” in it and the ball goes over the batter’s head, the umpire will call “NO PITCH” and if the ball is hit it will be treated as a foul ball. The illegal pitch by the coach will count as 1 of the 5. This is a fast pitch league and we must teach these girls how to hit a flat pitch. It is highly recommended that all coaches recruit a pitcher and have him or her practice these pitches before the games start.

- c) If the 4th inning starts and the game is called because of inclement weather the score at the end of the 3rd inning will be final unless there is a tie. If the game is tied after 3 innings, or cancelled because of weather without 3 complete innings being played, the game will be replayed in its entirety. The international tie breaker rule will be used when appropriate.

d) All players will be in the batting order and will remain in the same order throughout the game. Players arriving late may be placed at the END of the original line-up submitted before the game providing all players have NOT batted prior to her arrival. . Line-ups must be submitted to the official scorekeeper 10 minutes before the scheduled game time. If the line-up is not submitted on time an out may be charged. Players listed on the line-up card are considered present and if it turns out that they are not present an

out will be charged each time their turn at bat comes up. It is strongly recommended that players not present 10 minutes before game time be added to the END of the line-up as stated above upon arrival. If all players have batted, late arrivals will not be allowed to play. Teams must have 8 players to start a game. No outs will be charged to a team with 8 players. If a player leaves a game early for any reason other than injury, the team will be charged with an out each time she is scheduled to bat. No out will be charged if a player leaves due to injury or illness.

e) Free substitution will be allowed, however no player shall sit out defensively more than one inning in a row. The starting pitcher may be removed from the game and may return as a pitcher after the substitute pitcher has faced at least one batter. The starting pitcher need not stay in the game to return. Once the starting pitcher is removed for the second time, she will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the game. Substitute pitchers removed will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the game.

f) Coaches will be allowed 1 visit to the mound per inning. A second visit will require removal of the pitcher. After removal of the pitcher, the 1 visit rule will start over.

g) The infield fly rule will **NOT** be in effect.

h) Stealing is not permitted on any pitch. Runners may advance at their own risk if the catcher throws back to the pitcher and the ball is outside of the circle. As long as the **ball** is in the circle, runners may not advance. The catcher must make an honest attempt to throw the ball back to the pitcher. If the catcher intentionally rolls the ball back to the pitcher, time will be called and all runners will be allowed to advance 2 bases. The catcher must throw the ball back to the pitcher from behind home plate or wherever she obtains possession of the ball if it is a passed ball. The catcher is not allowed to advance beyond home plate to throw back to the pitcher unless she has to advance beyond home plate to retrieve the ball in which case she could throw the ball back from where she gains possession. If the catcher intentionally goes beyond home plate illegally, time will be called and all runners will be allowed to advance 2 bases.

3. The home team will be responsible for keeping score. Please, no children. The visiting team will provide 1 concession stand worker.

4. It is mandatory that coaches and parents have the utmost respect for umpires. Coaches should carefully discuss this with parents. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coaches, parents, or anyone else associated with CBFO softball will not be tolerated.

5. Coaches will be responsible for having their team ready throughout the game. Unnecessary delays could result in whatever penalty the umpire deems appropriate, including forfeiture.

Thank you so much for giving your time to CBFO girl's softball. Because of people like you, we are providing a better place for our children and youth. Good luck, and have a great year!

Don Hutcheson
Commissioner