

FYL
10U League:

Eligibility:

All players must be 10 or under as of January 1, 2015

Rules:

The latest edition of National Federation of State High School Associations Softball rules book. MHSAA designates the run ahead rule as 15 runs ahead after 3 innings or 10 runs ahead after 5 innings.

Exception:

1. Time limit is 1 1/2 hours
2. 5 Run Limit/ Inning
3. A team must have a minimum of 8 players to start and end the game
4. A team must bat all of their players that are present in each game. Late players must be added to the end of the batting order.
5. 10 players on defense (4 outfielders). Outfielders must be at least 15 feet beyond the base paths.
6. Pitching mound 35 feet
7. No infield fly rule
8. No advancement to 1st on dropped 3rd strike
9. No stealing home, unless there are 2 outs.
10. Hit by pitch: is a called ball. If player cannot continue, she will be skipped in the batting order with no penalty to her team.

Pitching:

1. There will be NO WALKS at this level
2. The pitcher will pitch a maximum of 7 pitches to the batter. Strikes will be called—3 strikes you're out. If after 7 pitches and the batter hasn't struck out the offensive coach will pitch 3 strikes from the pitching rubber. Umpire will call balls and strikes. Coaches must wear shoes (no flip flops or sandals)
3. If the batter hasn't hit a fair ball after nine (9) pitches they are out.
4. If the batter fouls off the ninth (9th) pitch then they may have one (1) additional pitch.
5. If the batter takes three (3) swings and does not hit a foul or fair ball on the third swing, they are out.
6. The defensive pitcher shall remain within the pitching circle until the ball is put into play, by keeping one (1) foot inside the pitching circle.

Reminders:

1. This league is to teach the basic fundamentals of softball, the importance of teamwork, and good sportsmanship.
2. When lightning or thunder is present, play must be suspended for 30 minutes. Thirty minutes must lapse without lightning or thunder before play can resume.
3. The runner must attempt to avoid a collision with the defensive player.
4. International tie-breaker will be used (last batter scheduled to bat in the inning becomes a base runner at second base) after the seventh (7th) inning and if time has not expired
5. Umpire and coaches of both teams must have a pre-game conference.
6. In case of bad weather, it is up to the coaches to decide whether or not to call the game. Please notify the coordinator as soon as you know of a cancelled or re-scheduled game. Re-scheduled games must be made up within 2 weeks of the regular scheduled game. It is up to the home team to contact the coordinator and sign up for the re-scheduled game.
7. A new inning may be started ONLY if there is enough time left for the inning to be completed without extending the game past the 1 hour 30 minute limit. Therefore, a new inning may be started as long as there is no less than 15 minutes of game time left.
8. Girls must wear a helmet with a mask at all times while on deck, up to bat or on base.
9. If a bat is thrown unintentionally, the batter will be warned on the first infraction and called out on the second infraction and all subsequent at bats.
10. Sliding will be required if there is a play at the base.
11. In the case of a game ending early due to bad weather, four (4) complete innings will be considered a complete game and does not need to be made up at a later date. If a game ends early due to bad weather and has not completed four (4) innings, the game must be rescheduled and will be completed from the point it ended due to bad weather.
12. Please remember to show respect to our umpires. They are doing their best. Any disagreements regarding calls made should be handled between the coach(es) and the umpire. Do not yell at the umpire.
13. Rude and/or negative comments by anyone attending a ball game will not be tolerated. Any individual found to be causing a disruption will be asked to leave the premises immediately.