



6U DIVISION SUPPLEMENTAL RULES for FALL 2024

All rules will be adhered to USA Softball rules and NAGS Gray Rules Book, with the exception of the following:

1. **Game Duration:** No new inning may start after five innings or 1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes). Additional 10 minutes to finish the inning, with drop dead at Eighty-Five (85) minutes. Last batter finishes at bat. Game time is 5 completed innings or Time Limit (whichever comes first).

2. No umpires will be used.

3. Equipment: Ball Worth 10" RIF 1. Batting helmets with face guard, glove and cleats.

Substitutions (First Half Season- Game 1 through Game 5)

4. All players will be in the batting order, six (6) batters per inning, and round robin. No score nor defensive outs will be recorded/kept.

5. A minimum of six (6) players needed per team to start the game.

a. There are **ONLY** six (6) infield positions (C, P, 1B, 2B, SS, 3B)

6. Pitching plate is 30 feet from home plate. The pitcher will be positioned within 3 feet either side of the coach pitcher, no closer than the pitching plate, and must maintain one foot in the pitcher's circle prior to the coach pitch.

7. If the coach pitcher is hit by the ball from the batter, the batter returns to bat (as if the ball was fouled). No out is recorded during the recreational season. All runners return to their prior position.

8. Catchers are **OPTIONAL** and a catcher will **ONLY** catch coach pitches. Catcher will wear a helmet and chest plate. Catcher will squat deeper and close to the backstop. If the tee is required, the catcher will step aside, and a coach will set-up a ball on the tee until the ball is put into play.

9. All remaining players shall play in the outfield **AT THE GRASS LINE**. Everyone plays. No one sits.

10. Players **MUST ROTATE POSITIONS** on defense during the game. Every player **MUST** play 1 full inning in the infield by the 3rd inning (unless excused by parental waiver which must be presented prior to the start of the game). Parental waiver is an email to president@nags.rocks AND vp@nags.rocks, asking that your player only plays outfield. No exceptions, except for safety reasons. **NOTE: if rotation is not followed, it will be considered a forfeiture.**

11. Coaches on the Field for Offense - 1b and 3b coaches, one pitch coach and 1 behind catcher shagging balls (4 coaches).

12. Coaches on the Field for Defense - Only 3 coaches are allowed in the outfield.

Substitutions (Second Half Season (Game 6 through Game 10)

13. Section 1-12 applies with the following modifications.

- a. Round robin batting order. Each ½ inning will end after 3 outs or 4 runs (whichever comes first).
- b. Only three (3) defensive **COACHES** are allowed on the field - 1 will be the coach umpire from the defensive team (**CANNOT** coach the defensive players) and 2 in the **OUTFIELD**.

Pitching (First Half Season)

14. Pitching distance is 30 feet from home plate. Maximum of three (3) underhand **COACH PITCHES** per batter, **NO EXCEPTIONS** (there are no balls or strikes called). If the third pitch (and potentially any subsequent pitch) is a foul

ball, the batter gets another pitch until the player puts the ball in play or swings and misses or does not swing. If the batter does not hit the "third" pitch, then the player should put the ball into play by hitting off the tee.

15. There will be a 10 foot arc in front of home plate extended from the first base line to the third base line. A hit ball is considered foul if it does not pass the home plate arc.

16. No score nor defensive out will be recorded/kept. However, Manager/Coaches are expected to have a written lineup of their own use for organizational purposes.

Pitching (Second Half Season)

17. Section 14-16 applies with the following modifications.

- a. If the batter does not hit the "third" pitch, then the player will have two (2) chances to put the ball into play by hitting off the tee (regardless if it is a foul).
- b. Defensive outs will be recorded as an out. Players called out ARE removed from the base.
- c. The pitching coach CANNOT coach the base runners from the pitcher circle, nor can he/she coach the batter after the ball is hit. Violations will result in a dead ball out (batter is out) and all runners will be returned to the last base occupied at the start of the play.

Baserunning (First Half Season)

18. Runners are limited to **2 bases** from coach pitching, or **1 base** from hitting off the tee. Half way markers should be placed between first-second, second-third, and third-home. Once the ball passes the pitcher's circle, the runner will advance to the next base if the runner passed the half way marker OR return to the previous base if the runner did not pass the half way marker. Play is dead once the ball is returned to the area in the vicinity of the pitcher's circle. The ball shall be considered dead even if the throw toward the pitcher's circle is not caught.

19. **NO ON-DECK BATTERS:** For safety and dugout supervision reasons, **NO** on-deck batters allowed. The bench coach or another responsible parent should ensure that players do not grab or swing a bat while in the dugout or waiting for their turn to bat.

20. Players **DO NOT** advance on any overthrow.

21. Base runners may not steal at any time.

22. **LAST BATTER PER INNING-OFFENSE:** Play the game as normal. **DO NOT** have the last batter and base runners run around all the bases unless the play is still live.

Baserunning (Second Half Season)

23. Section 18-22 applies with the following modifications.

- a. For any ball hit in play BY COACH PITCH, baserunning is live, until the end of play/dead ball occurred. Once the ball passes the vicinity of the pitcher's circle, the runner would advance to the next base if runner passed the halfway marker or return to the previous base if runner did not pass the halfway.

By signing below, I agree to be bound by these rules.

6U Manager Jenn Koh:	6U Manager Jason Ingle:
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