



## 8U 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). Games may end in a tie.
2. If for any reason (sundown, etc.) an inning cannot be completed, the score will revert back to the end of the last completed inning unless the home team is ahead and batting at the time the game is called.
3. USA Mercy Rule apply (i.e., fifteen (15) runs ahead after the third inning, twelve (12) runs ahead after fourth inning, or eight (8) runs ahead after the fifth inning.)
4. Home Plate is "Cold". Four (4) run limit per inning. When the fourth run is scored, the pitcher of record will be charged with the remaining outs.
5. One base will be awarded on an overthrow.
6. Batting is round robin. All girls will hit in order unless a player leaves the game. If a player leaves a game, an out **WILL NOT** be recorded. Unless due to injury, illness or absence, no player shall sit out defensively for more than one consecutive inning, not sit more than three total innings in one game.
7. A minimum of eight (8) players is needed per team to start the game.
  - a. Use ONE player from another 8U team and borrowed player will adhere to existing call up rules. Maximum allowed players borrowed **LATERALLY** from another 8U team is one (1). All other called up players must be from the 6U division. Play rules for play up/borrowed player will adhere to Gray Rules Book.
8. Pitching plate is 30 feet from home plate. 8U pitcher may walk 2 batters per inning, where the batter is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base. The third batter that would have been walked in the inning, will receive the remaining strikes via coach pitch. Coach pitch as follows:
  - a. After four (4) balls batter will receive three (3) coach pitches if there are no strikes.
  - b. After four (4) balls batter will receive two (2) coach pitchers if there is one (1) strike.
  - c. After four (4) balls batter will receive one (1) coach pitch if there are two (2) strikes.
    - i. If the last coach pitch is fouled, the batter will get another pitch until ball is in play or out.
  - d. In the event of a hit batter by coach, it will still be counted as 1 coach pitch.
  - e. Coach pitch will be used **only** after a pitcher has allowed 2 walks (via 8 non-strikes) per inning.
  - f. Coach pitch runners will advance a maximum of one base.
  - g. 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.

9. PITCHER LIMITS / BURN RULE **ONLY APPLY** in NAGS vs NAGS games and are not applicable during interleague games.

- a. Pitcher may pitch a maximum of six (6) consecutive outs or two (2) complete innings.
- b. Upon pitching the above-mentioned limit, pitcher must rest/not pitch for one (1) inning before re-entering the game to pitch.
- c. Pitcher may pitch a maximum of nine (9) outs or three (3) complete innings per game.
  - i. If a pitcher exceeds these limits they are considered “burned”. This means they may not pitch in the next game at NAGS unless there have been (6) consecutive outs or two (2) complete innings in the following NAGS game.

10. Known Commodity Rule:

- a. A player who might be selected as a pitcher in the draft as determined by the managers and player representative at tryouts and/or the draft, who elects to not tryout to pitch, she is **ineligible** to pitch for the entire season. If pitching restrictions are lifted to the season, known commodities remain **ineligible** to pitch for the first half of the season. Her use as a pitcher will result in **game forfeiture and disciplinary action**.
- b. If a girl who is not a known pitching commodity does not tryout as a pitcher, she is **eligible** to pitch AFTER the rostered pitchers have been considered.

11. If a pitcher hits five (5) batters in a game with a pitch, each of whom is awarded first base, that pitcher shall be deemed ineligible to pitch the balance of that game.

12. Four (4) outfielders is permissible. The fourth outfielder may not be used as an infield rover.

13. Players **MUST ROTATE POSITIONS** on defense during the game. Every player **MUST** play 1 full inning in the infield by the 4th 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](mailto:president@nags.rocks) AND [vp@nags.rocks](mailto: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.**

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

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| 8U Manager Mariah Sandoval: | 8U Manager Adrian Flansburg:        |
| 8U Manager Tyler Johnson:   | 8U Manager Eric Barajas:            |
| 8U Manager Daniel Keyes:    | 8U Manager Tony DeMartinis:         |
| 8U Manager Albert Sanchez:  | 8U Division Rep Natasha Jacobellis: |
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