



6U DIVISION SUPPLEMENTAL RULES for SPRING 2026

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

Game Duration

1. No new inning may start after 1 hour or 6 innings.

Substitutions (First Half Season)

2. All players will be in the batting order, six (6) batters per inning, and round robin.
3. Minimum six (6) team players needed per team to start the game.
 - a. There are **ONLY** six (6) infield positions (C, P, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS)
4. The pitcher (player) will be positioned within 3 ft. 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.
5. Catchers are **OPTIONAL** and a catcher will **ONLY** catch for coach pitches. Catcher will wear a helmet and chest plate. Catcher will squat deeper and close to the backstop. If the tee is required, catcher will step aside and a coach will set-up a ball on the tee until the ball is put into play.
6. All remaining players shall play in the outfield **AT THE GRASS LINE**.
7. Everyone plays. No one sits.
8. Players **MUST ROTATE POSITIONS** on defense during the game and should alternate between infield and outfield positions. No exceptions, except for safety reasons.
9. Only two (2) **COACHES** are allowed on the field – both in the **OUTFIELD**

Substitutions (Second Half Season)

10. Section 1-9 applies with the following modifications.
 - a. Round robin batting order. Each $\frac{1}{2}$ inning will end after 3 outs or 4 runs (whichever comes first).
 - b. Only three (3) **COACHES** are allowed on the field – 1 will be the coach umpire (**CANNOT** coach the defensive players) and 2 in the **OUTFIELD**.

Pitching (First Half Season)

11. Pitching distance is 30ft from home plate (8U distance). Coach pitch can be from front of the pitch circle (25ft).
12. 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**.
13. 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.
14. No umpires will be used.
15. No score nor defensive outs will be recorded/kept. However, Manager/Coaches are expected to have a written lineup for their own use for organizational purposes.
16. 1B and 3B coaches, one bench coach to help the players get ready, and one pitch coach.

Pitching (Second Half Season)

17. Section 11-16 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 of if it’s a foul).
 - b. 4 runs maximum per inning.
 - c. Defensive outs will be recorded as an out.
 - d. The pitching coach **CANNOT** coach the base runners from the pitcher circle, nor can he/she coach the batter after the ball hits (**violations will result in a dead ball out and all runners will be returned to the last base they occupied at the start of the play**).

Baserunning (First Half Season)

18. Two (2) bases from coach pitching, or one (1) base from hitting off the tee. **THERE ARE NO HOMERUNS IN 6U until the SECOND HALF SEASON.** Defensive players are learning.
19. Half way markers should be placed between first-second, second-third, and third-home.
20. Play is dead once the ball passes the **vicinity of 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. The ball shall be considered dead even if the throw toward the pitcher’s circle is not caught.
21. **NO** on-deck batters allowed. The bench coach provides the player’s bat once is next to the batter box
22. **Players DO NOT advance on any overthrow.**
23. Players called out **ARE** removed from the base.
24. 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.
25. Base runners may not steal at any time.

Baserunning (Second Half Season)

26. Section 19-25 applies with the following modifications.
 - a. For any ball hit in play, baserunning is live; until the end of play/dead ball occurred. Halfway markers should be placed between first and second, second and third and third and home. Once the ball passes 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.

Playoffs and Championship

27. Second Half Season applies with the following modifications.
 - a. 1 hour (60 min) finish the inning or 6 innings single elimination. No new inning after 1 hour (60 min). If a tie still stands after the official game rule, the international tie breaker rules will be used thereafter until a winner is determined.
 - b. **2 swinging (in playoffs) or 1 swing (championship) off the Tee to put the ball in play.**
 - c. 2 up rule applies. Example 1st inning away team scored 4, the home can score up to 6 in their 1st inning to be 2up. 2nd inning away team can score up to 4, to be 8-6... Either team can score a minimum of 4 OR enough to tie, plus 2 ahead of the other team.
 - d. If there are more than 4 teams during the season, playoffs will occur on Saturday and the championship game will occur on Sunday.

Coaches are to ensure a positive learning environment at all times. Have a wonderful season