

Union County CYO/MY Girls Softball Rules 2010



1. All weekday games should start promptly at 4:00 or before if possible. Forfeit time will be 15 minutes. Time variation outlined but forfeit time (4:15) will remain the same. In order to avoid forfeiture, teams must notify the CYO office three days before the scheduled game, provided an unforeseen conflict of a serious nature with school or Parish schedules occurs. Second forfeited game may cause disqualification from league play.
2. Time Curfew: If field availability exists **NO** curfew will be in force. Weekday games will not be permitted to start a new inning after 5:50 PM if a team is waiting to come on the field, and rules 1 & 2 have to be the same in baseball and softball.
3. **FOUR** and one-half innings will be an official game should the umpire call it, provided the home team is winning. However, if the home team is behind the game must have five complete innings. If the game ends in a TIE after the allotted time, curfew, or due to weather conditions, the game will be rescheduled and played from the start as soon as possible. Maximum effort should be taken to play all games scheduled.
4. Only those players whose names appear on the ROSTER will be allowed on the playing field.
5. The Coaching Staff will be the only ones allowed to discuss a decision with the Umpire. Disregard of this rule can result in forfeit.
6. Only one (1) offensive person will be allowed in the Coach's Box.
7. This is a "modified fast pitch league".
 - A) Pitcher must present the ball **WITH BOTH FEET** (facing forward) while in contact with the pitching plane.
 - B) There will be **NO** wind mill pitching and **NO** slingshot. This means the ball may not pass hips more than two (2) times. Pitchers are allowed one (1) step forward and then **MUST** release the ball.
 - C) Pitcher may not break elbow.
 - D) Ball must be an arc.
 - E) Arc must be 3 to 8 feet.
 - F) There can be no line drive pitching.
 - G) Speed and arc will be at the discretion of the umpire.
 - H) A reminder to all that this is a slow pitch, instructional league, not the majors!
8. An Umpire's decision will be final on speed of pitcher.
 - A) The 40 foot distance from pitchers mound to home plate will be determined by a 40 foot length of rope provided by the Umpire.

9. Batter must wear protective helmet in batter's box and on bases. Any coach under the age of 18 years of age must wear helmet in the Coach's Box. Mask shall be worn by catcher. Catcher must wear chest protector and shin guards. All teams must have their own catcher's equipment. Home team is responsible for supplying the bases. First base must be a double base.
10. Postponements due to inclement weather, CALL RICH DONOVAN after 3:00 PM at 908-447-4948, or at 908-709-1930.
11. Ball – Derbeer #212, Dudley 137 can all be used or a compromise ball can be used. Bats – Wooden or Aluminum softball bats only. Bats should be taped. One new softball from each team to be presented before game and each ball should be used three innings each. (CYO Office will provide all softballs for Championship Game.)
12. Only one umpire is scheduled for each game. When at all possible, umpire should position himself behind the plate.
13. If you have ten (10) girls at the start of a game you have a choice of a DH. DH – Just an extra batter. If play DH, DH will be optional – just 11th batter, cannot play the field. Girls have to be on the field before the game starts. Pitcher may be removed and go to another spot, cannot return to mound that inning. Players may return another inning. Must return to same position in batting order.
14. Short Fielder – 10th can play anywhere.
15. Stealing of bases will be prohibited. Players are not permitted to leave the occupied base until contact is made between ball and bat (No leading).
16. A ball thrown from the field, which leaves the playing area during a play will result in runners advancing to the base they were going to plus an extra base.
17. The infield fly rule will NOT be enforced.
18. No intentional bunting will be permitted.
19. If a team drops out before the first half of the season – no games count that were played. If they drop out after the first half of season all games played count but the remaining games become forfeit wins for the opposition.
20. Players and coach's behavior will be enforced according to the Diocese policy.
21. Any circumstance not covered by the above rules will first be rectified through A.S.A. Rules, if no satisfactory results found, the Athletic Ministry Office will make a decision.

22. No game will start if the temperature registers below 38degrees F., except with MUTUAL consent of both coaches. If mutual agreement is attained the game start-game play goes directly into the hands of the umpire.
23. All CYO activities should be open to all members of a Parish, not solely students of a school. Insurance on players is the direct responsibility of the sponsoring parish. Each player should have a physical examination before being permitted to play. We recommend a coach and at least one assistant. In case of illness there will be sufficient personnel to handle the schedule and preclude the necessity of postponement.
24. MERCY RULES ... There will be a ten (10) run mercy rule in effect. When losing team finishes its 5th time batting, and are still losing by 10 runs the game will be called.
25. Eight (8) runs will be allowed per bat in an inning then teams must switch. This WILL NOT be in effect for the last inning of the game.

Umpire FEES ... Fee is \$20.00 a game per team, payable to the Umpire prior to start of the game.

DISCIPLINE

If a coach or player gets ejected from a game he (she) will not be permitted to finish out that game and will be automatically ineligible for the following TWO (2) games.

TWO EJECTIONS – coach or player will be out for the season.

FORFEIT TIME WILL BE 4:15 PM.

NO JEWELRY

ALL COACHES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A FIRST AID KIT.