



Copper City Softball Little League Division Rules

COACH PITCH

Age: 4 to 6 years of age

Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to two or three innings (at the discretion of the coaches) or to a maximum of 1 hour and 15 minutes, whichever comes first.

Pitching: Coaches will pitch five pitches to each player. A tee may be used after the fifth pitch if the coach chooses. If a tee is not used, the batter can take first base after five pitches. The batter will either get a hit or take first base. There are no strikeouts.

Run Rule: Each player will bat every inning. The last batter in the line up will run the bases and score.

Base Stealing: Stealing is not allowed.

Field Play: All players will play the field each inning. Coaches can decide if they would like to utilize a catcher. If a catcher is used, they MUST be in full gear (shin guards, chest protector, and helmet).

FARM DIVISION

Age: 7 to 8 years of age

Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two consecutive innings in the field.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from mound determined by each teams coach (movable mound will be used). Players will pitch until three strikes or three balls are pitched, whichever comes first. If three balls are pitched, the batting team's coach will step in and pitch the remainder of the at-bat. The batter will either strike out (strikes from player pitcher will carry over) or gets a hit.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to four runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed one stolen base per batter. Stealing home is not allowed.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight, the batter may take first base. If the batter is hit by a pitch that bounces on the ground, the pitch is considered a ball and the batter does not take first base.

Field Play: Only ten players will play the field per inning. Positions must be played in historic format- pitcher, catcher, four infield players and four outfield players (must play in the grass).

MINOR DIVISION

Age: 9 to 10 years of age

Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two consecutive innings in the field.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from 35 foot mound. Players will pitch until three strikes or four balls are pitched, whichever comes first. The batter will strike out, walk, or hit. An 11-inch softball will be used.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to five runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed one stolen base per batter. Stealing home is allowed.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight or after it bounces, the batter is awarded first base.

Dropped Third Strike: This rule will not be played in this division.

Field Play: Only nine players will play the field per inning. Positions must be played in historic format- pitcher, catcher, four infield players and three outfield players (must play in the grass).

MAJOR DIVISON

Age: 11 to 12 years of age

Coaches: Submit interest via player registration or directly to board of directors, coaches are chosen by the board of directors. All coaches must undergo a background check and concussion/first aid training.

RULES

Mandatory Play: All players will bat thru the line-up. Each player must play at minimum two consecutive innings in the field.

Game Time/Innings Played: Each game will be played to four innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes whichever comes first. After 1 hour and 15 minutes, a new inning will not be started. If the game is tied after four innings, an additional inning will be played if time allows. If the game is tied after 1 hour and 20 minutes, the game will end in a tie (unless it is tournament play).

Pitching: Players will pitch from 40 foot mound. Players will pitch until three strikes or four balls are pitched, whichever comes first. The batter will strike out, walk, or hit. A 12-inch softball will be used.

Run Rule: Each inning will be played to five runs or three outs, whichever comes first.

Base Stealing: Each base runner is allowed as many stolen bases as possible. Stealing home is allowed.

Hit by Pitch: If the batter is hit by a pitch that is in flight or after it bounces, the batter is awarded first base

Dropped Third Strike: This rule **will be played** in this division.