
KIDS PITCH RULES (DIVISION 3)

1. Bases 60 feet. Pitcher's mound 40 feet
2. Game length: Seven (7) innings. Regulation games: 4 ½ innings, fifteen (15)-run rule after 4 ½ innings.
3. A minimum of eight (8) players must be present to start all games with a 10 minute grace period.
4. Coaches may stop play for instructional purposes in a timely manner. The two (2) defensive coaches will remain in the coaches' boxes at first (1st) and third (3rd) base. No defensive coach on the field; coaches are to be in bench area. **ALL PLAYERS ARE TO BE IN THE BENCH AREA AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT BATTING OR ON THE FIELD.**
5. Batting order consists of all team members present. Starting line-ups containing player's numbers not names must be presented to the opposing team. Three (3) outs or once through the batting order with a maximum "at bats" as the team with the most players.
6. No lead offs or stealing. Runners must hold bases until the ball is put in play. If runner leaves early, runner will be called "out".
7. Throwing of the bat is dangerous. One team warning. On the second (2nd) infraction and every one thereafter, batter will be called "out". Any player who throws the bat in anger will be ejected from that specific game only. If a batter, coach, or player is struck with a thrown bat, **BATTER IS OUT AUTOMATICALLY.**
8. Defensive team consists of eleven (11) players. All fielders must play in a given area on the field that corresponds to normal softball positions.
9. Each team member must play the field in a minimum of three (3) consecutive innings within the first six (6) innings. The exception being late arrivals. Those players will be put at the bottom of the batting order if he/she original place in order has passed AND said player will be put into the field for three (3) consecutive innings during regulation play if the time of his/her arrival allows. If the player arrives during the later innings (5th, 6th, and 7th) he/she should be put into a defensive position the next time the team takes the field. **PURPOSE:** to give every child the maximum amount of playing time possible.
10. Two (2) girls must play an infield position for the **ENTIRE GAME.**

11. Underhand pitch with an arc that has a minimum arc of four (4) feet (or higher than the pitcher's head) and maximum of 12 feet. – SLOW PITCH.
12. NO INTENTIONAL WALKS- violation 2 base advance per umpire discretion.
13. NO INFIELD FLY RULE SHALL BE IN EFFECT.
14. OVERTHROWS- ASA RULES
15. Defensive changes are to be made prior to going out in the fourth (4th) inning. Limited use of maneuvering players and times out to maneuver is advised.
16. Pitcher or replacement has five (5) warm-up pitches to start the game and three (3) pitches between innings.
17. No outfield ball between innings
18. A strike will be called by the umpire for each foul ball not legally caught. After two (2) strikes batter is allowed two (2) foul balls extra.
19. RICK SWASEY RULES: NO TIES- GAMES TO BE COMPLETED.
20. Game length- 1 hour & 15 minutes (SEE RULE #2 WHICHEVER COMES FIRST).
21. NO DEFENSIVE COACH ON THE FIELD; COACHES ARE TO REMAIN IN BENCH AREA. ALL PLAYERS ARE TO BE IN THE BENCH AREA AT ALL TIMES WHEN NOT BATTING OR ON THE FIELD.
22. Warm up area is not allowed behind bleachers, tennis courts, and parking lots (must be conducted in the grassy areas of fields. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.
23. ALL OFFENSIVE PLAYER'S MUST WEAR BATTING HELMETS (INCLUDING ON DECK BATTER).
24. Any player/coach/fans ejected from a game they will be suspended for one (1) game- rainout games do not count.

25. De-Facing of Uniform: any de-facing of uniform (shirt-hat if provided in specific division) during the entire season the child will be asked to purchase a new uniform or will forfeit rights to participating in the rest of season at obyl league and registration fees will not be refunded.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES:

NO SMOKING, VAPORING, CHEW, OR ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON PREMISE

**DURING GAMES/PICNICS/PRACTICES/ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS DURING
OBYL SEASON.**