



Utah Amateur Softball Association

10-U Recreation Rules

Pitching: 10-U

Pitching distance is 35 feet. A pitching circle should be used.

All official pitching rules apply

- In league play umpires should not call illegal pitches, but let players understand what was incorrect and inform coaches about pitching
- All illegal pitches will result in a ball being called on the batter unless the batter hits the ball and gets on base and runners on 1st and 2nd safely advance.
- Runners will not score on an illegal pitch unless forced.
- A pitcher that hits 3 girls in an inning shall be removed from the pitching position for the rest of the game.

Batting:

Official batting rules apply with the following exceptions.

- No dropped 3rd strike.
- The batter is out on a dropped third strike whether swinging or called.
- The infield fly rule does not apply.
- A maximum of 6 runs per team per inning will be used throughout the entire tournament.

Batter-Runner:

- The batter-runner can advance 1 base on an infield hit with liability of being put out.
- If the ball is misplayed, the batter-runner may advance one (1) base with liability to be put out.
- If the batter-runner tries to advance further, they do so at their own risk.
- However, at the end of play, if the batter-runner has not been put out

by the defensive team, she will be returned to the base legally allowed by the rules.

- If bases are loaded, the batter-runner cannot advance past first base on an infield hit.

Base running:

- Base runners are allowed (1) one base with liability to be put out on an infield hit.
- If the ball is miss-played, the runner may advance at their own risk one more base.
- No more than one extra base may be gained on an over throw PER BATTED BALL.
- If the runner advances further than allowed, they do so at the risk of being put out.
- However at the end of the play, if the runner has not been put out legally by the defensive team, she will be returned to the base legally allowed by the umpire.
- Base runners may advance as far as they can on a hit to the outfield.
- Once the ball comes into the infield, the runner may advance to the base she is going to with liability to be put out but will not be allowed to attain an additional base on a miss-played ball.

(For the purpose of base running, the infield is considered to be from the back side of the bases forward.)

RUNNERS MUST BE HIT IN TO SCORE:

No run shall score on a miss-played ball.

(Example) A runner at second base may advance one base on an infield hit but cannot score on a subsequent over-throw.

R2 is at 3rd base

B3 hits the ball to the pitcher who fields the ball, throws to the 1st baseman that misses the ball.

A. R2 stays on 3rd until the ball goes past 1st base and then scores.

B. R2 leaves 3rd base as the ball leaves the pitchers hand, hesitates off the base to see where the ball is played then scores.

Result:

A. R2 is returned to 3rd base.

B. R2 scores..

A runner on second base that moves to third base on an infield hit is confined to third base if the batter-runner is caught in a run-down.

Runners may steal one (1) base per pitched ball. If they are played on and the ball is miss-played and they attempt to advance, they do

so at their own risk and at the end of the play the runner is back on the base they were allowed to steal.

(Example) R1 attempts to steal 2nd base on a pitched ball.

R1 is played on and the ball is misplayed.

R1 advances to 3rd base and is:

A. Put out

B. Safe on 3rd base

Result:

A. R1 is out

B. R1 is safe, time is called and the umpire shall put R1 back on 2nd base.

Ball:

Eleven (11) inch fast pitch ball will be used.

Field Dynamics:

- Base distance will be 60 feet.
- The infield is considered from the back tip of home plate to the back of the bases, excluding foul territory.
- Out field is considered to be from 5 feet behind 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases to the fence, excluding foul territory.

The 10U recreation rules are established to give the defense the maximum opportunity to make plays and develop their defensive skills while prohibiting the offense from exploiting their inability to make skilled plays. The rules keep the coaches from manipulating the game and direct them back to coaching their players.