

2009 LUYAA Girls Softball League

10 & UNDER RULES

1. A regulation game is 6 innings. A complete game consists of **four** (4) full innings or **three and one-half** (3 ½) innings, if the home team is ahead, or when the **two** (2) hour time limit has been reached. (see General Rules 1.5)
2. The batting order will consist of all players at the game, and will run in a continuous order. Each team is allowed to substitute fielders freely throughout the game. (See General Rules)
3. An inning will end in any one of the following ways:
 - a. When **three** (3) outs are made.
 - b. When **five** (5) runs are scored. (Run limit is suspended in the 6th inning.)
4. Pitchers are allowed to use “slingshot” or “windmill” delivery styles.
5. Two-Walk Limit (New 2009) - There are no more than two walks per half-inning. After two walks and a pitcher throws four balls to a batter, a coach from the batter’s team delivers no more than three pitches to the batter. The batter must put the ball in play or an out is recorded. The coach/pitcher must not touch the ball while it is in play or interfere with a fielder making a play or all runners go back and the play is repeated. Coach-pitchers may not coach base runners or the batter-runner – if this occurs, play is repeated.
6. Hit-by-pitch (New 2009) – If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one inning where 1st base is awarded, she must be removed for that inning as pitcher. A pitcher is removed from that game altogether (pitching position only) if she hits a total of six (6) batters where 1st base is awarded.
7. (New 2009) All batters must use NOSCAE-approved helmets with facemasks. (add to General Rules)
8. NO stealing is allowed. However, base runners may take a lead (up to maximum of **ten** (10) feet) as soon as the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Fielders can make a play and attempt to tag out a runner who has led off a base. If an attempt is made, the runner may retreat to the base but cannot advance on the play.
9. NO bunting is allowed; NO “Infield Fly” rule applies; NO “Dropped Third Strike” rule.
10. The defensive team in the field may have **two** defensive coaches in the outfield who must stay equal to or beyond outfielders when the ball is in play. If a live ball is touched by field coaches, runners are awarded an extra base.