

2011 LOUYAA Girls Softball League

12 & UNDER RULES

1. A regulation game is 7 innings. A complete game consists of **five** (5) full innings or **four and one-half** (4 1/2) innings, if the home team is ahead, or when the 2 hour time limit has been reached, or darkness. (see General Rules 1.6) If an inning starts and home team does not get to finish, and visitors are ahead, they don't necessarily win. Game reverts back to the previously completed inning. No new inning will start if the time limit expired at the time of the last out of the previous inning. An inning started prior to the time limit will be completed.
2. A fifteen (15) run rule is in effect. When one team is ahead by 15 runs or more, and the game is considered to be "complete" as stated in Rule 1 above, play is stopped at the end of the inning (or half inning with home team ahead) and the game is over.
3. 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)
4. 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 in that inning. (Innings 1 – 5 only, suspended in the 6th and 7th innings).
5. Two-walk limit - There are no more than two walks per half-inning. After two walks and a pitcher throws four balls to a batter (4th ball is live until time called for batter's coach to enter field), 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. Runners cannot steal on pitches; and may only advance if ball is put in play. 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 – 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. Pitcher Development (**New 2010**) – LOUYAA Softball's goal is to develop skills and game experience for as many players as possible. Players may pitch no more than two (2) innings in a row during a game. Players may continue in the game at other positions and may return as pitcher after at least one full inning.
8. All batters must use NOSCAE-approved helmets with facemasks. (see General Rules)