

## 8U Sunday Alliance Rules – 9/1/22

1. 6 pitches unless the last pitch is fouled. For each last pitch that is fouled, the batter will be given an additional pitch until they make an out or put the ball in play.
2. No bunting allowed. Slap hitting is allowed. However, the batter must clearly strike at the ball to put the ball into play (umpire's judgment) Penalty for bunting: dead ball, strike on the batter. If on 6th pitch the batter is out.
3. Coach pitches from 35 feet with at least one foot on the rubber when the pitch is released.
4. The coach-pitcher cannot direct any player in any way after the pitch has been made or while the ball is in play.
5. Certified 11" softball in all 8U games.
6. Mercy rule 15 runs after 4 innings
7. If a batted ball contacts the coach-pitcher before touching a fielder, the play is dead and all runners must return to their bases. The batter remains at bat with the same pitch count she had before hitting the pitch. Intentional interference will result in dead ball and lead runner being called out.
8. Dead ball occurs when advancement of the lead runner, by any defensive player, is stopped. The defensive player should be in front of the lead runner. Dead ball also occurs when the ball is returned to and controlled by the pitchers-helper with both feet inside the Pitching Circle. If a runner(s) has not made it to the halfway mark, then the runner(s) must return to the previous base(s). (Time out or stoppage of play and placement of runners is determined by the umpire).
9. No Base Stealing
10. A runner may leave their base once the pitched ball reaches the plate
11. No drop third strike.
12. No infield fly rule.
13. Teams will play 10 girls in the field (4 outfielders) and bat the entire roster. Free substitution applies.
14. Pitchers-Helper must have both feet inside the Pitching Circle before the ball is pitched.
15. All infielders (including pitcher-helper) must be positioned no closer than the pitching rubber and may not advance forward until the ball is hit.
16. Pitcher's helper is required to wear a face guard or helmet with facemask. Pitcher's helpers are also strongly encouraged to wear heart guards.
17. Helmet with face mask when batting is mandatory.
18. There will be a maximum run limit of 6 runs per inning per team.
19. When on defense, two coaches may be positioned in the outfield behind all defensive players.
20. Courtesy runner – The pitchers-helper and/or catcher may have a courtesy runner each time they reach base. Each courtesy runner used must be the player preceding them in the batting order and not already on base. Each courtesy runner can only be used once per inning. (last out made)