

BOGAN IN-PARK GUIDELINES

The following are a few in-park guidelines used when playing intra-park games. Guidelines/Rules not highlighted or when playing inter-park opponents, will default to Tri-County rules then to USA Softball rules.

6U Batting: All batters are eligible to hit off a tee for the first half of the season. During the second half of the season, a team will designate half of their lineup (round up if odd number of batters) as coach-pitch only and those players are ineligible to hit off a tee during that game; however, they will receive five pitches unless the last pitch is hit foul. For any game, if one team has played half a season and the other has not, both teams will be required to designate half their lineup as coach-pitch only. Players designated for coach-pitch only will be indicated with a "P" in the lineup. If any injury or illness occurs to a designated player during a game, the team is not be required to designate a replacement batter.

8U Pitching: Follows Tri-County rules. The first inning will be player pitch. During player pitch, each batter will be allowed any number of pitches until she either has three (3) strikes against her (and will be scored a strikeout) or four (4) balls. After four balls (not four pitches) are thrown by the player pitcher, the coach pitcher, who should be ready to take the field and pitch, will take over pitching with the current strike count from the player pitcher. There will be no more than two pitches from the coach pitcher and the batter must hit one of those two pitches or she will be called out. If the coach takes over the pitching with two strikes from the player pitcher, a missed swing, even on the first pitch, will count as the third strike and the batter will be out. Endless foul balls will be in effect; therefore, the batter will continue to bat with a coach pitcher as long as she fouls off the third strike.

During coach pitch innings, each batter will receive a total of five (5) pitches or three (3) strikes from her adult coach. A foul ball will be considered a strike unless it's the third strike, in which case the batter receives an additional pitch. A batter will not be called out on strikes as long as she is fouling the ball.

10U Pitching: During first half of the season, all teams will utilize at least two pitchers that pitch a minimum of **one** inning in each game. It does not matter what inning the pitchers pitch - *See Restrictions below.*

For games in second half of the season, all teams will utilize at least two pitchers that pitch **two** or more innings². It does not matter what innings they pitch and the innings do not need to be consecutive - *See Restrictions below.* For any game, if one team has played half a season and the other has not, both teams will be required to utilize at least two pitchers that pitch two or more innings².

10U Pitcher Restriction:

1. At least two pitchers from each team will be required to pitch every game.
2. If a player did not declare as a pitcher at or prior to evaluations, she will only be allowed to pitch a maximum of one inning.
3. Development of additional pitchers is strongly suggested in case one of your pitchers is unavailable to play on any given day. If you want to pitch multiple pitchers, each for one inning the entire game, pitching requirements would be met.

Defensive Players: For 6U & 8U, the maximum number of defensive players is 12 and the maximum for 10U and above is 10. Additionally, no coach will sit the same player(s) for consecutive innings unless due to injury.

Pick-up Players: During the season, it may be necessary to pick up a player(s) from another team. Teams can pick up players to get to a maximum of 10 players for 6U & 8U, and 9 players for 10U and above; however, the majority of players must be from that team's roster. A pick-up player(s) is only allowed from the same age group or younger. Teams are not required to use pick-up players, but it is suggested in lieu of taking a forced out during the game or forfeiting. Teams will take all best efforts to play games as scheduled; although, if a team is unable to field enough players, from their roster plus

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pick-up players to avoid forfeiting, the game can be rescheduled, as long as notice is given to the softball board by 6:00pm the preceding day.

Pick-Up Player Process

1. You will need permission from the parents of the player(s). If possible, always try to let the player's coach know that you are picking up his player.
2. If picking up a player from a younger age group, always ask if she has already played up that season and if so, how many times. If it is three times or possibly three, you need to find another player - *See Restrictions below.*
3. If possible, you should try to pick up a similarly skilled player(s) as the one unavailable to play, ex. if you are missing your #9 hitter, who is a first-year player, it may not be a good look to pick up the #1 player in the league. Use your best judgement.

Pick-Up Player Restrictions

1. Players must be registered to play for the current season at Bogan Park and play in the same or younger age division as the team needing to pick up.
2. You cannot pick up a player from a higher age division, REGARDLESS of her age.
3. Player must bat last in the lineup.
4. Must play in the outfield.
5. **IMPORTANT:** While you can pick up a player from a younger age group, she can only play 'up' three times and still be eligible to play with her team/age group in post season tournaments and/or All-Stars. A player who plays up more than three times is ineligible to play in her own age group and could only play in the higher division for post-season play.

Extra Innings:

INTRA-PARK GAMES (MC v MC): If the game clock expires, the inning in play will be completed, if needed to declare a victor, unless the game is called due to run-rule. If at completion of that inning, the game is tied, one inning of International Tie Breaker (ITB) will be played. Run limits per team will be five for 6U & 8U and three for 10U and above. At the end of that inning, either a victor will be declared or the game will end in a tie.

INTER-PARK GAMES (MC v Other Parks): While games between Mill Creek teams will have no time limit for new innings, games between parks will, whether played at Bogan or at another park.

6U & 8U Games: No new inning started after 70mins (>5 min remaining in the game), but the inning in-play will be completed unless game is called due to run-rule. If game ends in a tie, one extra inning will be played with reduced run limits of 5 per team. After the extra inning, the game could end in a tie.

10U – 18U Games: No new inning started after 80mins (>10 mins remaining in the game), but the inning in-play will be completed unless game is called due to run-rule. If game ends in a tie, one extra inning will be played with reduced run limits of 3 per team. After the extra inning, the game could end in a tie.