

PARAGOULD YOUTH SOFTBALL
PLAYING RULES
6u Coach Pitch

GENERAL RULES

1. All players must be 5 years old by January 1 and must not turn 7 years old before January 1 of the current season.
2. Metal cleats are not permitted in 12u and younger.
3. Crowd control is the responsibility of first, the coach, secondly, the umpires, and thirdly, the league president. Fans demonstrating disruptive behavior will be asked to leave. Police may be called in an effort to restore a family-friendly environment at Rotary Park.
4. Teams who cannot field a minimum of 8 players will forfeit.

6u T-BALL

1. **Time Limit:** One hour (1:00) or five (5) innings, whichever comes first.
2. **Run Rule:** 11 after 3, 6 after 4
3. **Playing Field:** The pitching plate will be 35' from home plate. There will be 60' between bases.
4. **The Batter:** Each batter will have three (3) swinging strikes or a maximum of six (6) pitches. There are no called balls or strikes on the batter. If the batter fails to put the ball in play after six (6) pitches, the batter is out. If the 6th pitch, or successive pitches, is hit foul the at bat will continue until the batter is retired or reaches base.
5. **Batting Order:** All players on the roster and present will be in the batting lineup the entire game. If a player arrives after the start of the game, the player must be inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
6. **Defense:** Defense shall consist of standard pitcher, catcher, 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop and 3rd base. Remaining players will be outfielders and positioned in the "outfield grass". Catchers shall wear a catcher's mask or batting helmet with facemask. Infielders shall play no closer to the batter than an imaginary line from the back of the pitching circle to first 1st and 3rd bases before the ball is hit. No more than 2 coaches may be stationed beyond the infielders in order to provide instruction to all defensive players and must be at least 10' from infielders. Outfielders will NOT run to the infield to make a play. They must throw the ball to an infielder. An infielder shall not run out to the outfield for the ball unless as a relay from the outfielder. Catchers will be in a designated area within a safe distance behind home plate, with the Umpire placing themselves between the batter and catcher.
7. **Runs per Inning:** Five (5) runs per half inning. Upon scoring the limited number of runs, the umpire will declare side out.
8. **Contact Rule:** If a player attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, the runner will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. The objective of this rule is to penalize the offensive team for deliberate, unwarranted, unsportsmanlike action by the runner for the obvious purpose of crashing the defensive player, rather than trying to reach home plate. Obviously, this is an umpire's judgement call.
9. **Pitching Position:** The player fielding the pitching position must have both feet on the pitching rubber until the ball is put in play.
10. **Stealing:** Not permitted. Baserunner must maintain contact with the base until the pitched ball reaches the plate.
11. **Infield Fly Rule:** Not in effect.
12. **Ball:** 11" ball will be used.
13. **There is no bunting or intentional walks.**

Rainout information will be posted by 3:00pm on the day of inclement weather
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