

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH RECREATION DEPARTMENT



YOUTH FAST PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

10U:

11" Ball

Distances from Home Plate: Pitchers' Mound is 35' & First Base is 60'

Everyone Hits

6 innings or 60 minute game time (must complete 3 innings & current inning)

Games will end in a tie

5 runs per inning

No Walks, unless hit by a pitch

If a batter is walked (4 balls), the coach comes in for 3 pitches. If third pitch is foul, you may have unlimited fouls.

Steal once ball crosses home plate (no stealing if coach is pitching)

Dropped third strike is in effect

1 Base on an Over Throw

Must slide at Home if there is a play at the plate

4 Outfielders

Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings; 12 after 4; & 10 after 5

12U:

12" Ball

Distances from Home Plate: Pitchers' Mound is 40' & First Base is 60'

8 Runs per inning

6 Innings or 2 Hours

NO Metal Cleats

Dropped third strike is in effect: First Base unoccupied, always run; occupied, run only if 2 outs

Leave bag once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand

Everyone Hits

Must slide at Home if there is a play at the plate

Games will end in a tie, but in the playoffs, extra innings start with a runner on second

Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings; 12 after 4; & 10 after 5

Senior League (16U):

12" Ball

Distances from Home Plate: Pitchers' Mound is 43' & First Base is 60'

Unlimited Runs per inning

7 Innings or 2 Hours

Metal Cleats are allowed

Dropped third strike is in effect: First Base unoccupied, always run; occupied, run only if 2 outs

Leave bag once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand

Must slide at Home if there is a play at the plate

Catchers cannot block the plate unless they have the ball

Games will end in a tie, but in the playoffs, extra innings start with a runner on second

Everyone does not have to hit

Run Rule: 15 after 3 innings; 12 after 4; & 10 after 5