

South Huntington Beach Girls Fastpitch Softball

League Rules – Umpire Summary

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*Games can end in a tie in all divisions.

Age Div.	Time Limit	Mercy Rule	Stealing – and when runner can leave	Closed Plate	Dropped 3 rd , Infield Fly Rule	Round Robin Batting	5 Runs First 3 Innings Then Open Innings	Number players on defense
8U	1:30 No New	NO	Yes Pitcher's hand No stealing during coach pitch	Yes, No stealing home 1 base per pitch	D-3rd – N I.F. – N No bunting during coach pitch	Yes Same in all divisions Free def. substitution Unlimited # of courtesy runners for pitch/catcher - <u>last scheduled batter</u>	Yes	10 players No fielder can be closer than ½ distance to home plate (safety rule)
10U	1:30 No New or 7 innings	15 after 3 12 after 4 8 after 5	Yes Pitcher's hand	No	D3rd – Y I.F. – Y	Yes	Yes	10 players
12U	1:30 No New or 7 Innings	15 after 3 12 after 4 8 after 5	Yes Pitcher's hand	No	D3rd – Y I.F. – Y	Yes	No	9 players
14U	1:50 No New or 7 Innings	15 after 3 12 after 4 8 after 5	Yes Pitcher's hand	No	D3rd – Y I.F. – Y	Yes	No	9 players

General Information – NO Buckets or defensive coaches allowed on field. Keep the games moving. Enforce the one minute or 5-pitches between innings to allow for maximum playing time for the girls. The league starts the official scoreboard clock on first pitch. Running scoreboard posts time countdown. Be friendly and approachable, but do not allow arguing of balls/strikes. On a play, answer coaches' questions reasonably. Communicate each inning with each side's scorekeeper to be sure the score balances.

8U Coach Pitch - Prior to April 1 –No bunting or stealing during coach pitch. If a batter receives four (4) balls from the opposing pitcher; the batter’s coach shall pitch to the batter. The coach will assume the strike count and continue to pitch to the batter up to three pitches, or until the batter strikes out or puts the ball into fair play. The umpire will rule on each pitch utilizing the strike zone up through the third pitch. The batter may hit or strike out; she may not walk. If the third pitch is hit into foul territory, the at bat will continue until the batter strikes out or puts the ball into play. Each pitch from the coach after the third pitch will be considered a strike. A batter cannot strike out on a foul ball, regardless of the number of pitches she receives. If a batted ball strikes the coach pitcher, it will be counted as a dead ball and the batter will assume prior pitch count.

After April 1, Coach Pitch will no longer be used unless the pitcher pitches ball 4 to the batter with the bases loaded. If the bases are loaded, and 4 balls are pitched, the batter will maintain the current count and the coach will pitch to the batter for a maximum of 3 pitches.

Participant needs to leave early – In case of injury preventing player from continuing, no penalty out is recorded in that spot. If a player leaves the game for any other reason, an out is recorded only the first time player comes to bat.

Pitching Restrictions – 14U – No pitching restrictions, 12U – Pitchers may not pitch more than 12 outs per game, 10U – 9 outs per game 3 appearances, 8U – Pitchers may not pitch more than 9 outs per game and are limited to 2 appearances. Pitchers may not pitch more than 15 outs in any single week, Sun- Sat. Appearance limits: 14U – No pitching restrictions, 12U – Pitchers are limited to no more than 3 appearances per game, 10U – limited to no more than 3 appearances per game, 8U – limited to no more than 2 appearances per game

Home Team is responsible for Field Set-Up, Clean-Up, Umpire Fees and Game Balls.

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