

SAN DIMAS YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Playing Rules

8U Division

Fields	Both teams will prepare the field for play prior to their game(s)
Game time	1 hour 15 minutes no new inning; 1 hour 25 minutes drop
Score	Three outs or 4 runs per inning per team - NO MERCY RULE
Substitution	Free substitutions
<u>Conferences</u>	
Defensive	3 defensive conferences allowed in 7 innings of play. (Extra innings 1 conference per inning) (USA Rule Section 5A).
Offensive	One offensive conference per half inning (USA Rule 5 section 7B)
Pitching	<p>30 ft. pitching distance.</p> <p>The pitcher may walk a batter on 4 Balls, or place on base via the hit batter rule (below), a maximum of TWO batters per inning.</p> <p>After the two batters safely reach first, the following rules apply for the remainder of that inning.</p> <p>No Walk Rule: After the pitcher throws ball four:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The offensive team's coach will come to the pitching plate and assume the count. The coach must remain in the pitching circle with one foot on the pitching plate.2. Each pitch from the coach shall count as a strike. Exception: a foul ball on strike three shall be played as a foul ball and another pitch shall be awarded.3. No base stealing is allowed during coach pitch.4. The pitcher for the defensive team must have one foot in the circle and be even or behind the coach.5. If the ball hits the coach pitching, the ball is live and in play, play continues. (Coach must make every attempt to leave the field without interfering with the play).6. During coach pitch, if the ball hits the batter it is a dead ball (no pitch) and another pitch will be awarded. <p>The No Walk Rule will remain in effect for the first half of the spring season. After that time then the rule will no longer apply, coach pitch will no longer be used.</p>
Base distance	60 ft. base distance
Batting/player	All players present bat round robin and play a minimum of 6 defensive outs four (4) outfield defensive players are allowed

Hit batter	Batter advances to first, other runners advance if forced
Courtesy runner	Pitcher and catcher only - last recorded out
Late arrival	Player is placed at the bottom of the line-up. Minimum play waived
Early departure	No penalty if injured or if noted by umpire before game. Minimum play waived
Game balls	Must use the game balls that are provided by the league (Rif Soft Dot 10 inch)
Base stealing	When the pitcher releases the ball. One base at a time. Home is closed. A runner can only score home if the ball is hit and live and in play. (DEAD BALL TERRITORY-HOME IS CLOSED)
Injured player	Last recorded out determined by official scorebook
Drop third strike	Does not apply
Infield fly	Does not apply
Hesitation rule	Applies. See USA rulebook (Lookback Rule 8 Section 7T)
Illegal pitch	There is <u>NO</u> penalty for illegal pitch. No pitch shall be called
Overthrow 1st base	All runners advance one base only (DEAD BALL TERRITORY ONE BASE ONLY) Exception on an overthrow that remains in play, runners may advance as many bases as possible.
Shorthanded rule	Minimum of 8 players to start the game 9th batter may enter at the bottom of the lineup. A team may start with eight and finish with eight. Teams cannot play with less than 8 players; shorthanded team will forfeit the game. It is an illegal game to play with seven (7) players
Tie breaker	USA International Tiebreaker end of season tournament only (bracket play)
Protests	Not allowed. No protest procedures until tournament, UIC DECISION IS FINAL
<u>ATTENTION</u>	Any manager/coach who is ejected from the game or restricted to the bench during regular play at any time will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.
<u>SECOND OFFENSE</u>	MANAGER/COACH WILL REMOVED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON INCLUDING TOURNAMENT PLAY. ANY COACH WHO IS FOUND IN VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN THEIR TEAM BEING ELIMINATED FROM ALL PLAY.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS