

2017 Intertown Softball Rules – 8U Division

1. Age requirement for 8U participation is player can not turn 9 before 12/31 date heading into the Spring Rec Season. Exceptions can be made based in individual circumstances agreed upon by Town Directors.
2. The majority of Intertown games will be played on Saturday mornings during the rec season with the exception of the last week of the season as well as any makeup games.
3. 8U will use an 11 inch yellow softball for all games. Each team will provide 1 new game ball per game.
4. Each team must have a minimum of 7 players to play a game unless agreed upon by both teams prior to play. Goal is to play the games when scheduled.
5. All teams are responsible for leaving dugout area clean when game is over.
6. Players arriving late should be added to the bottom of the batting order. Late arriving players can take the field immediately.
7. Games will last 5 innings; no new inning shall start after 1hr 30mins. A game called by an umpire or manager will be official if 2 ½ innings have been played if home team is winning or 3 innings if the visitors are winning.
8. Continuous batting order will be used.
9. 4 run limit per inning. Three defensive outs or 4 runs ends the inning.
10. Runners may not steal but may take a lead on the release of the ball by the pitcher. If the runner leaves early, a warning will be given. If a second offense occurs, the runner will be called out.
11. No passed balls
12. Bunting is allowed.
13. No slashing (faking a bunt then hitting away).
14. No Infield Fly Rule.
15. Batting helmets with face cage and chin straps are mandatory.

16. Pitching can be handled one of two ways:
 - Louisville Slugger Pitching machine set up at 35ft from Home Plate.
 - Coach of hitting team may pitch but is not allowed to make any plays on the ball.
17. Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches to bat the ball into play. A foul ball, on the fifth pitch, will not count unless batter attempted to bunt the ball. Each batter that fails to bat ball into play will be counted as an out.
18. Catcher needs to throw each pitch back to pitcher.
19. No advances on overthrows.
20. Ball hits pitching machine, ball is considered dead, each player gets 1 base.
21. In an effort to avoid time issues with the catcher it is mandatory that a courtesy runner is used for the catcher after the 2nd out.
22. Face masks are encouraged for all infield positions.
23. Two coaches are allowed on the field while their team is on defense. Coaches must stay on the outfield grass and not interfere with game play. Batting team is allowed 1st base, 3rd base coach as well as a coach at home plate to help batter with mechanics. Batting team is also allowed a coach to operate pitching machine or pitch.
24. All coaches must have a CORI check done to enter dugouts or field of play.
25. All home teams will provide 1 umpire who will call outs at the plate as well as outs at the bases. Umpire is encouraged to be a Junior HS or HS student interested in umpiring etc.
26. Umpire will stand behind pitching circle to call strikes and outs.