We play under Independent Baseball & Softball Tournaments rules.  These are our own specific rules as we sanction our own events.

**IBST DOES NOT ACCEPT CHECKS FOR GATE FEE OR TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE’S!**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

IBST DOES NOT PROVIDE SOFTBALLS FOR TOURNAMENTS. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE GAME BALLS!

* **PRICING:** GATE FEE = $50 PER TEAM FOR 8U – 14U. $75 for 15-18U. If the gate fee is different than previously mentioned then it will be posted on the website beside the specific event that the gate fee applies to.
* Gate fees will be sent about a week before the scheduled event through a Paypal invoice. We do not accept E-check payments for the gate fee. That is still considered a check and we do not accept checks. The gate fee invoice must be paid before schedules go out for the event. This date and time will be listed on the invoice as well as on the event on the website. Gate fees will only be refunded if the age group you are in does not make, or the event is rained out before the tournament begins. Once your team starts its first game the gate fee is no longer refundable.

 **ENTRY FEE:** Due in cash only at check in for the event! Checks and credit/debit will not be accepted! **These prices are for 4 Game Guarantee events** that will consist of 2 pool play games on Saturday and 1 pool game and single elimination on Sunday. All events will have awards provided for 1st and 2nd place teams.

* **8U** **= $280**
* **10U** **= $300**
* **12U**  **= $325**
* **14U = $350**
* **15U - 18U** **= $400**

**ALL PRICES INCLUDE UMPIRES, SO THERE WILL NEVER BE A NEED TO PAY AT THE PLATE!**

Prices will always be as listed above unless otherwise specified under a specific tournament heading. Prices are subject to change based on discounts, special offers, and location. Each team’s first tournament will be regular price as listed above, and then will receive $25 off each tournament they play in after that in the current season. This discount does not grow by $25 each time you play, but simply is a set $25 off for returning teams. The discount will never apply to any event in which we will be giving out rings due to the extra cost of the rings. This discount will also not apply to any event that already has a discounted price. The discount offer resets with each new season for IBST. It is the coach’s responsibility to send a reminder of the discount when registering. No reminder = no discount. **WE ACCEPT CASH PAYMENT!!!! NO CHECKS!!**

* **HOW TO REGISTER:**
* **To sign up for an IBST tournament you must send an email to independentbaseballtournaments@gmail.com**
* **This email must include the following:**
* **Tournament registering for: Must include the date!**
* **Coaches name:**
* **Team name:**
* **Age group:**
* **Contact number:**
* **League name or Sanction you play under: for example usssa, super series, ase, IBST, myba, wyba, VTD, MESA and etc.**
* **Request: if you know your request at the time you register. This includes the request for discounts. If you make a request later you must send it with REQUEST in the title of the email, and your team name, age group, coach’s name, and request in the body of the email. Requests are granted in the order we receive the requests. So the sooner you get your request in the more likely you are to get it. The later you turn in your request the less likely we will be able to work it out. Requests must be made by the Monday before the tournament. Any requests sent in after the Monday before the tournament will not be accepted.**
* **ROSTER: First and last names only of at least 9 players.**
* **All teams must use this format to sign up for each tournament. This is the only way to register. I will not accept 1 email with 2 or 3 tournaments listed to register in. I will delete that email and ignore it if it is sent that way.**
* **Each tournament you wish to play in needs to have its own email sent to me to register. Each tournament needs to have its own separate request sent as well.**
* **Only emails that are sent with proper registration will be accepted and replied to. If you do not get a response from me within 2 days of sending a registration then you most likely did not send a proper registration and it was deleted.**
* **Once you receive a response from me saying that i have you down for the tournament, then you simply wait until you receive a gate fee invoice through Paypal and pay it. Then you wait until the day the tournament begins and bring your cash payment, roster which can be anything with players name as long as we can read it, copies of birth certificates, and proof of insurance to give to the director.**
* **IBST PLAYERS AGE POLICY:** Player age for the entire 2015 year will be based on what age they were Before January 1st 2015.  Players may play up in age, but may not play down.
* **SCHEDULE RELEASE:** Schedules will come out between the Monday before the tournament and the Thursday before the tournament. This will depend on the number of teams entered, the weather, and the field capacity. Typically schedules will come out on the Wednesday before the tournament, so please expect them on that day and not sooner.
* Teams will receive an email once the schedules are posted. This email will have lots of helpful information about the tournament. Sometimes the email will go to your spam or junk folder as the email is generated from the quickscores site. Please read that email carefully so you can be prepared for the tournament properly.
* The schedules link can be found in the upper left hand corner of the website, or at the very bottom of the website.
* TEAMS SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH FOR THEIR GAMES TO GET WARM UPS OUT OF THE WAY!! GAME TIMES ARE A GUIDE BUT ARE NOT LOCKED IN TIMES AND IF WE GET AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, TEAMS NEED TO BE PREPARED TO START THEIR GAMES EARLY!! WHEN THE UMPIRE(S) TAKE THE FIELD AND ARE READY TO START THEN THE TEAMS SHOULD BE READY AS WELL OR THE GAME COULD RESULT IN A FORFEIT!!
* **BALLPARK/FIELD RULES:** IBST does not allow grills, pets, or outside food and drinks at our events. It is up to each field location to determine if they allow coolers or will charge for them.
* There are absolutely no “NOISE MAKERS” of any kind allowed at IBST events that may be considered distracting to other teams.
* We will allow radios and music to be played at a respectful level only between innings and warm ups.
* Teams found to be breaking these rules will be asked to take the items outside the park, or shut the grills down. Any team that has to be asked to do this more than once will be banned from future tournaments.
* There are no Bicycles or skateboards allowed in the park grounds.
* All IBST events are park at your own risk. IBST and the complexes we host at are not responsible for any damages caused by foul balls.
* **IBST UNIFORM POLICY**: Players are not required to have matching uniforms. Our only jersey rule is that players are not allowed to have matching numbers on their jerseys. A player can wear a jersey without a number on it as it will be considered blank and does not match any other player’s number on the team.
* All catchers must wear appropriate gear. Helmet with mask that covers ears and has a throat protector. Shin guards and chest protector are required.
* All players are welcome to wear facemasks except at the catcher position whom needs to have the proper catcher’s mask.
* All batters 14U and below must wear a double ear helmet with mask and chin strap. Mask and chin strap are not required in 15U and up.
* Gloves can be worn by all players, but mitts can only be used by the catcher or first baseman.
* Metal cleats are not allowed.
* Jewelry will be allowed to be worn, but will be at the discretion of the umpire. If the umpire believes the jewelry could be dangerous or distracting to others then they will require it to be removed or covered up. This rule also applies to sunglasses.
* All caps and or visors are optional.
* Any player on deck and in the hole must have a helmet on. On deck batter must move the on deck circle behind the batter for her safety.
* We ask that all players keep their jerseys tucked in out of respect for the game, but this is not a requirement.
* **DUGOUT/WARM UP POLICY**: To be allowed in the dugout you must either be a member of the team in uniform, or over the age of 18. Injured players wishing to be in the dugout with the team must at least have on the team jersey and hat.
* There is a maximum of 4 coaches allowed in the dugout for ages 8U and above.
* In ages 8U and above all coaches must remain within arm’s reach of the dugout while on defense.
* In 8U coach pitch the coaches while on offense are allowed 1 3rd base coach, 1 1st base coach, the coach pitcher, and 1 dugout coach who must stay within arm’s reach of the dugout.
* In ages 9U and up while on offense the coaches not coaching a base must remain within arm’s reach of their own dugout.
* Any player needing to warm up their arm must do so outside of the field. They may only exit and enter the field while there is no live play going on.
* **EXTRA INNINGS POLICY:** There are no extra innings in pool play games. Pool play games will simply end in a tie if time runs out and the inning is completed. Games going into extra innings in BRACKET games will continue to be played as straight baseball.
* **TIME LIMITS/GAME LENGHTS:** Time limits will be as follows:
* Game length for 8U coach pitch is 60 minutes or 5 innings. Add 5 minutes for bracket games.
* Game length for 10U is 70 minutes or 6 innings. Add 5 minutes for bracket games.
* Game length for 12U is 75 minutes or 6 innings. Add 5 minutes for bracket games.
* Game length for 14U is 80 minutes or 7 innings. Add 5 minutes for bracket games.
* Game length for 15-18U is 90 minutes or 7 innings.
* If time runs out during a game and one of the teams is unable to catch up based on run limits then the game is over and will not be played out.
* If time runs out while the home team is batting and they are ahead then the game is over and the inning will not be played out.
* If time runs out while the home team is batting and they are losing but able to tie or win the game then will play until they tie the game scoring the max runs per half inning, or take the lead. At that point the game is over without finishing the inning. If they finish the inning without tying or taking the lead then the game is over.
* If time runs out while the visiting team is batting and they are losing but able to tie or take the lead over the home team then the inning will continue to be played until their at bat is over. If they fail to tie or take the lead then the game is over at that point. If they tie or take the lead then the home team will get the chance to win the game in the bottom half of the inning. Once the home team reclaims the lead then they win and the game is over without the remainder of the inning being played out.
* If time runs out while the visiting team is batting and they are ahead and the home team can still tie or take the lead then the game will continue. If at any point during the inning the visiting team takes a lead which the home team can no longer at least tie based on run limits then the game is over. If the half inning ends with the home team still having a chance to tie or win then they will get to play their half inning until they tie based on max runs allowed per half inning, or take the lead and the game ends at that point and will not continue to be played, or the inning ends with the visiting team winning the game
* It is advised to keep an accurate team book with lineups and score, as any questions regarding score discrepancies will require the umpire to review the books of both teams. If the umpire has the accurate score him/herself then the issue will be resolved there. If by some chance the umpire feels his/her scorecard may be inaccurate and your team does not have a book then the umpire will be forced to go with the team that has a book. If both teams have a book and they show different scores, but one matches the umpires score then the umpire will go with that score. If both teams have a book and they show different scores and neither match the umpires score, then the umpire will revert back to the home team’s book for the final say.
* **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Those whom are on the banned list or in bad standing with IBST will not be allowed to play in IBST events. All others are welcome to play with IBST. Players are not allowed to play on more than 1 team during a tournament. Even if the teams are entered in different age groups, a player still may not play on more than 1 team in a weekend. Teams are required to bring rosters and birth certificates to show at check in for an event to prove player eligibility. Any player not on a team’s official roster that was turned in to the director is considered an illegal player. For illegal player rules check under challenges / protests.
* **TEAM ELIGIBILTY:** IBST events are available for any team that wishes to play. We will only have one level of play for softball at this time. Only those who are banned from IBST will not be allowed in our events. If a player or parent who has been banned from IBST is a part of your team, then the team will not be eligible to play unless they are willing to play without the banned participant. Teams are required to bring birth certificates and rosters to show at check in for a tournament.
* **ROSTERS:** rosters of at least 9 players are required to be submitted when the team registers for an event. If the team submits a registration without a full roster then the registration will be disregarded. This is so that they can be reviewed to see if all players are eligible. Teams may still add or adjust rosters up until 8 PM the Friday night before the tournament. Those additions or adjustments must be emailed in by then or will not be accepted. Rosters will then be frozen at 8 PM on the Friday night before the event for that weekend.
* Teams will still need to bring a copy of their approved roster to the event so the director can match it up with birth certificates. Rosters can be typed, or hand written on anything as long as the director is able to read them.
* Teams must submit a roster every time they register for an event. This is required because teams are allowed to change their roster as much as they want from one tournament to the next. They will simply not be allowed to adjust a roster for an event after 8 PM on the Friday night before that event.
* **SLASHING:** IBST has a strict no slashing policy for all ages due to player safety.
* 1st offense for slashing the batter is called out.
* 2nd offense for slashing the batter is called out and the coach is ejected.
* 3rd offense for slashing the team forfeits the game.
* **EJECTIONS/SPORTSMANSHIP:** Umpires will determine rather they need to issue a warning or ejection to a player, spectator, or coach for any actions considered unsportsmanlike.
* Any player who is ejected from a game for any reason shall not be allowed to play that game or the next game.
* Any coach who is ejected from a game shall miss the remainder of that game. The ejected coach must leave the field area immediately. The director will determine if the coach is able to return for the team’s next game or not.
* Spectators are a responsibility to the coaches. The coach is expected to keep their team’s players, spectators, and other coaches on the team behaving in a proper manor. A spectator/spectators who are displaying unsportsmanlike actions in the umpires mind will result in the teams head coach being issued a warning. The coaches will then need to get their spectator/spectators under control. If the unsportsmanlike behavior continues from the spectator/spectators then the head coach will be ejected from the game. If it continues from there then the umpire will declare a forfeit. It will then be up to the director to determine if the team will be allowed to proceed in the tournament or not.
* Any team that is determined to be ineligible to proceed in a tournament for any reason will not receive a refund.
* **CHALLENGES/PROTESTS:** A challenge may only be made on a player’s age. A coach will only be allowed to challenge 1 player’s age per game. A protest may only be made on illegal players on a roster.
* To challenge a players age the coach must call time and let the umpire know that he wants to challenge a player’s age. There is a $50 fee to challenge a player’s age. The coach will only get the $50 back if the challenge is won.
* If a player is found to be too old to be playing on a team, then the team will forfeit the tournament without a refund.
* A team may not challenge a player’s age with less than 30 minutes remaining in a game. Umpires are responsible for keeping track of the game time.
* If a player is found to be playing on more than 1 team in a weekend then the player will be removed from both teams, and the head coaches of both teams the player was playing for will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
* A team may protest players whom they believe are not on an opposing team’s official roster. A protest against a roster may not be made with less than 30 minutes remaining in a game. There is a $50 charge to protest a team’s line up, but it applies to checking the entire lineup versus the official roster. The coach protesting the team’s line up must wait until the game begins and line ups have been exchanged between teams. The coach may then protest the lineup to the umpire who will take the batting lineup to the director and have them checked against the official roster. If the lineup that was protested contains a player or players that are not on the official roster, then the following steps shall be taken:
	1. 1. The player or players are deemed illegal and may not play in any game during the tournament.
	2. 2. The head coach is ejected from the current game, and the following game.
	3. 3. For the protested game the batting line up shall remain the same with the illegal players names on the line up, and each time they are due to bat in the lineup it will result in an automatic out since they are on the line up but not in the game to take their at bat.
	4. 4. The team that protested and won will be given the $50 back for winning the protest.
	5. If the team’s official roster contains all the players on the lineup then the team that protested will lose their $50.
* **HOME/VISITOR:** All pool play games will be determined by coin flip. All bracket games will have the top seed as home team.
* **BATTING LINEUP:** Coaches will have 2 options for setting their batting lineup.
* The first option is bat the lineup with free substitution, except for pitchers. Once a pitcher is removed from pitcher she may not return to that position. Teams must state their option at the beginning of the game.
* The second option is to bat 9 without free substitution. Teams must state their option at the beginning of the game.
* A team is allowed to start a game with as few as 7 players. They must take an out for the remaining holes up to the 9th spot. There is no automatic out for the 10th batter in 8U as playing with 10 fielders is the coach’s option.
* A team that starts the game with players missing may still add them to the bottom of the lineup until they have batted around. Once a team returns to the first batter in the lineup then they are no longer allowed to add players and must finish the game with the players they have.
* A team may pinch run for their catcher of record from the previous inning with 2 outs in the current half inning, but it must be the most recent player to get out.
* A team may pinch run for an injured player, but it must be the most recent player to get out.
* A player may not be intentionally walked.
* It is advised to keep an accurate team book with lineups and score, as any questions regarding batting out of order or score discrepancies will require the umpire to review the books of both teams. If it is an issue of score and the umpire has the accurate score him/herself then the issue will be resolved there. If it is an issue of batting order and your team does not have a book then the umpire will be forced to go with the team that has a book. If both teams have a book and they show different things then the umpire will revert back to the home team’s book for the final say.
* **RUN LIMITS & RUN RULES:** Run limits and run rules are as follows:
* 8U coach pitch will be 5 run limit per half inning. Run rule is 11 after 3 and 6 after 4.
* 10U will be 6 run limit per half inning. Run rule is 13 after 3 and 7 after 4.
* 12U will be 6 run limit per half inning. Run rule is 13 after 3 and 7 after 4.
* 14U will be 7 run limit per half inning. Run rule is 15 after 3 and 8 after 4.
* 15U and above will not have a run limit. The run rule will be 16 after 3 and 9 after 4.
* **SEEDING/TIE BREAKERS:** Seeding will be based on the following tie breakers:
* Seeding will first be based on wins & losses.
* The second tie breaker will be Head to head record, but this only applies if 2 teams are tied with the same record and played each other in pool play. If there are more than 2 teams tied with the same record then the system will skip to the 3rd tie breaker.
* The third tie breaker is runs allowed (RA).
* The fourth tie breaker is runs scored (RS).
* The fifth tie breaker will revert back to head to record for 2 teams only. This scenario will rarely come into play.
* The sixth and final tie break will be an automated coin flip by the quickscores system to seed the teams.
* **PITCHING RULES:** Pitchers are unlimited on the number of pitches or outs they can throw in a tournament. For all other pitching related issues please refer to high school softball rules.
* **WEATHER ISSUES:** Any rain delay or rain out information will be posted on the website under the event that is being affected. It will be posted as soon as there is a decision made and we have any information to update. This will be the only way to find out about rain delay or rain out information.
* There may be times where we will continue to play baseball during light to moderate rains. However we will also delay games if there is lightning in the area.
* In the event games are delayed due to lightning we do ask that teams leave the field and seek shelter from the rain somewhere other than the dugouts, as the dugouts are at more risk of being struck by lightning.
* Any game that is delayed due to weather will be resumed from where the game left off once it is considered safe to return to play.
* Any game that is cancelled due to weather will be made up if possible from the beginning if no innings were completed.
* Any game that makes it past 1 inning of play will result to the last completed innings score and the winner will be determined as the team in the lead after the last completed inning.
* A game started is considered a game played based on our refund policy. That can be reviewed under the refund section.
* **RAIN OUT POLICY:** Rain out policy for tournament entry fees are:
* If no games are played you will receive a full refund if you paid in advance.
* If 1 game is played you will receive 2/3 of your team’s entry fee refunded, and no awards given out.
* If 2 games are played you will receive 1/3 of your team’s entry fee refunded, and no awards given out.
* Once the 3rd game begins, there are no refunds given out and awards will go to the top 2 remaining seeds!
* Once a game is through 1 complete inning, then it is considered to be a game played and counts as a game completed!!
* **BANNED LIST POLICY:** IBST has a 3 strike policy in regards to how it bans a team.
* Strike 1. Any team that backs out of an IBST event after schedules have been made will lose their gate fee amount, but will still be eligible for future IBST events.
* Strike 2. Any team that backs out of an IBST event after schedules have been made for a 2nd time will lose their gate fee amount, and will be banned from future IBST events until they pay an additional $100 fee to be reinstated with IBST.
* Strike 3. Any team that backs out of an IBST event after schedules have been made for a 3rd time will lose their gate fee amount & will be permanently banned from future IBST events.
* Teams that have been previously banned from IBST will need to email me to see how they can get back into IBST events if it is possible.
* Teams that sign up for an IBST event and do not show up for the tournament without notice will be permanently banned from future IBST events. No exceptions.
* Teams and individuals may also be banned from IBST events for non-payment, poor conduct, poor sportsmanship, not following park rules, or any other reason that the IBST staff feels a team should be banned for.
* Any adult that is banned from IBST events will result in the individual’s player also being made ineligible to be carried on a team roster with IBST. That means the team registering with the banned adults player will not be able to play unless they choose to remove the banned adults player from their roster. This rule is in place because we must assume the adult who is banned will come to the event to watch their player. We feel adults whom we have banned from IBST events have done something serious enough that we do not want them at our events for the possibility they could be disruptive.
* **BAT/BALL RULE:** All bats must be 2 ¼ inches in diameter and be a softball specific bat.
* In 8U 11” ball shall be used.
* In 10U 11” ball shall be used.
* In 12U and up 12” ball shall be used.
* Altered bats will be considered illegal and will be determined by the umpire.
* Coaches may determine their brand of ball, but if the umpire deems it unfit for play then they must provide another ball.
* **BASE/MOUND DISTANCES:** All measurements will be made from the back of home plate.
* **8U coach pitch** will be played with 60 foot bases, and the pitching rubber 35 foot from home plate.
* **10U** will be played with 60 foot bases, and the pitching rubber 35 foot from home plate.
* **12U** will be played with 60 foot bases, and the pitching rubber 40 foot from home plate.
* **14U** will be played with 60 foot bases, and the pitching rubber 43 foot from home plate.
* **18U** will be played with 60 foot bases, and the pitching rubber 43 foot from home plate.
* **UMPIRES/JUDGMENT CALLS:**
* Umpires will call a home plate meeting before each game where they will explain the basic ground rules and conduct the coin flip during pool play games. The umpire will also ask for each team to declare a head coach. From that point forward only the head coach will be allowed to address the umpire about questions, appeals, protests, or challenges.
* Upon completion of the home plate meeting the official game time will begin.
* Umpires shall be responsible for keeping track of age group, team names, game time start and finish, score, and outs recorded per pitcher. Umpires must also make an attempt to get both coaches to review and sign the umpire card at the end of each game. Umpires must write on the card if a coach refuses to sign the card so that the director knows it was not the umpires fault if a team comes back and tries to question a score or outs saying that the umpire did not ask them to sign the card.
* Umpires will have complete control over judgment calls such as interference, runners out of the baseline, safe calls, out calls, balls, strikes, etc.
* Coaches are required to call time and have it acknowledged by the umpire prior to approaching the umpire. Once the umpire has granted time then the coach must still wait for the umpire to signal the coach over before walking onto the playing field. Failure to do this for the first time will result in a warning. Failure to do this for a second time will result in ejection.
* Anyone other than the head coach who approaches an umpire or walks onto the field of play to argue any call without the umpire’s permission shall result in immediate ejection.
* Umpires having an issue with spectators will issue a warning to the head coach to resolve the issue. If the umpire continues to have issues with the spectators then the head coach will be ejected. If the umpire continues to have issues with the spectators then the team will forfeit the game.
* Upon completion of the game while the teams are shaking hands as a show of good sportsmanship, the umpire will have both head coaches review the umpire card for accuracy and have them sign the card acknowledging that it is accurate. Once an umpire card is turned in to the director it is considered official and will not be changed, so please make sure you review the card for accuracy and sign it.
* If a coach feels the card in not accurate then it shall be addressed at the field with the umpire reviewing both team’s books.
* Any coach that refuses to review or sign the umpire card will not be allowed to come to the director stating that the score or outs recorded are wrong.
* **8U COACH PITCH SPECIFIC RULES:**
* There shall be no foul arc, no safety arc, and no pitchers circle. Instead the defensive pitcher player must stand a few feet to the left or right of the coach pitcher. Defensive pitcher player may choose to stand to the left or right of the coach pitcher and a couple of feet back. The defensive pitcher player may not stand directly behind the coach pitcher.
* At no point shall the defensive pitcher player or any other defensive player come in front of the pitching rubber until the ball is hit.
* If any player crosses beyond the front of the pitching rubber before the ball is hit then then offensive team shall choose the result of the play or a dead ball.
* There are no coaches allowed in the outfield to assist the team.
* Teams may choose to play with 9 or 10 fielders as they will bat the lineup no matter what and there is no out for the 10th batter if a team only has 9 players.
* There is no infield fly rule, no intentional walks, no bunting, and no head first sliding.
* Teams will be allowed 3 minutes between half innings to get their batters ready, defense set, and warm up.
* Batters will be given up to 6 pitches. There is no continuation on the 6th pitch for foul balls. 3 swinging strikes is an out.
* Runners may not lead off or leave the bag before the ball is hit. Runners shall be called out for taking off before the ball is hit when there is a batted ball put into play.
* The umpire will be in charge of calling time at the end of the play. The end of the play shall be considered when the lead runner stops trying to advance. A runner faking back and forth to try to entice a throw from a fielder shall be construed as no longer trying to advance and the umpire will call time.
* On offense team shall be allowed a 1st base coach, a 3rd base coach, and a pitching coach.
* The coach pitcher may not give verbal instructions to the batter. He is simply there in place of a machine. A pitching machine does not give verbal instruction, therefore the coach pitcher shall not either.
* The coach pitcher must keep 1 foot in contact with the pitching rubber while in a standing position when pitching. In 8U coach pitch the coach pitcher may not pitch from a knee. First offense the coach pitcher will receive a warning. Second offense will result in a dead ball / no pitch. Third offense will result in the coach pitcher needing to be replaced at that position.
* The coach pitcher must make all attempts to avoid being contacted by a batted ball, avoid making contact with the player pitcher, and must exit the field in the opposite direction of the ball that has been put in play. Failure to do so shall result in a warning the first time, and the second time the umpire asking the head coach to replace the coach pitcher.
* In the event a coach pitcher is called for interference for obstructing a play, then the defense shall be given the option to take the result of the play, or grant the batter 1st base and all other runners move up 1 bag. Play would then continue with the next batter.
* Any batted ball striking the coach pitcher will always be considered as a dead ball/no pitch.
* Any base coach caught touching a runner while there is a live ball in play shall result in the runner being called out and the coach being removed from the position.
* Runners are always free to advance at their own risk when a ball is put in play.
* No metal cleats.
* For further information please refer to the specific sections that cover run rules, rosters, and so forth. For anything not specifically covered, please revert to high school rules.
* Any live ball that is thrown by a defensive player and strikes a defensive team coach outside the dugout will be treated like obstruction, and the offensive team being given the option to take 1 base from where the runners were when the ball hit the coach, or the result of the play.
* **10U & UP RULES:** Shall play with 9 players in the field.
* There is no infield fly rule, no intentional walks, and no slashing.
* Metal cleats are allowed in 14U and up only.
* Teams will be allowed 3 minutes between half innings to get their batters ready, defense set, and warm up. Teams should have a coach designated to warm up the pitcher while the catcher is suiting up.
* Runners may not lead off or leave the bag before the ball leaves the pitchers hand. In the event the runner takes off before the ball leaves the pitchers hand then the defensive team shall have the option to take the result of the play or call it a no pitch.
* Any base coach caught touching a runner while there is a live ball in play shall result in the runner being called out and the coach being removed from the position.
* There shall be 1 illegal pitch warning per pitcher. After the 1 warning to a pitcher any subsequent illegal pitches will allow runners to move up 1 base. If there are no runners on base then the illegal pitch will count towards a ball for the batter.
* Batters may try to advance on dropped 3rd strikes if first base was unoccupied at the beginning of the play.
* Runners may attempt to steal bases after the ball has left the pitchers hand.
* Runners may not attempt to steal home on any occasion. Runners may only advance to home on a batted ball, or forced home due to bases being loaded and the batter is either hit or walked.
* Once a pitcher comes out of a game she may not return to the pitcher position for the remainder of the game.
* For further information please refer to the specific sections that cover pitching, run rules, rosters, and so forth. For anything not specifically covered, please revert to high school softball rules.
* Any live ball that is thrown by a defensive player and strikes a defensive team coach outside the dugout will be treated like obstruction, and the offensive team being given the option to take 1 base from where the runners were when the ball hit the coach, or the result of the play.