

## 8U Rule Summary

### Text in red is new rules for 2012 All Star

1. Game time will be 75 minutes. If tied at end of regulation, final batter from previous inning put on second and pitch count is reduced to three coach pitches. In a pool game, the game would just end in a tie.
2. Each batter receives up to 5 coach pitches minimum **to put softball in play**. Player receives additional pitch for foul tips on 5<sup>th</sup> pitch. No balls, no walks and bunting is not allowed. **Ugly pitch will not be used.**
3. Teams can have a maximum of 12 players and must bat their entire line up. 10 players will play in the field with at least four of them playing in the grass. Catcher must wear full gear.
4. A half inning ends when one of the following happens:
  - a. 3 outs have been made in the field
  - b. 5 runs have scored (maximum run limit per half inning)
5. Coaches cannot touch base-runners while the ball is in play. This will result in an automatic out.
6. Runners can advance on an overthrow a maximum of one base per at bat.
7. No leading off or stealing. Advancement will occur only on a hit ball. Runners may leave the base when the pitched ball crosses home plate.
8. For balls hit into the outfield, play will stop when the ball is in possession of the pitcher **inside the pitcher's circle**. In the event that a game is played on an adult field, the outfield line will be deemed as 10 feet beyond the base path, otherwise the grass will be used to denote the outfield.
9. Maximum of two coaches in the outfield. Pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coaches on offense.
10. In-field fly rule does not apply
11. Pitcher must begin at bat with both feet in the circle and no closer to home plate than the pitching coach. Coach must pitch from within pitching circle.
12. Use an 11" Easton Dream Seam hard ball.
13. If the pitching coach is hit by a ball, the ruling is that the ball will be repitched with the same pitch count as prior pitch. Any base runners will return to their original base.
14. The pitching coach must remain on the mound and not participate in the coaching of base runners once the ball is put into play.
15. Courtesy runner (last batted out) for catcher in next inning is mandatory with 2 outs and optional with less than 2 outs.

16. VTD run rules will be in place.
17. **Pitching rubber to be set at 35 feet from home plate.**
18. **Pitching coach must be inside the pitcher's circle when pitching to a batter.**