



## 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball League

1. Game time will be 7 innings, or the last inning must be called by the umpire at 1 hour and 30 minutes. Games will be called at 1 hour and 45 minutes.
2. Pitching distance is 43 feet.
3. Regular size 12" softball.
4. Pitcher gets 1 minute to warm up on mound, or up to 5 warm-up pitches, 3 pitches between innings. Umpire needs to keep game up to speed.
5. Metal cleats are allowed.
6. Head-first sliding is allowed.
7. 5 runs max per inning. Last inning will be called by the umpire at the time marked 1 hour 30 min.
8. Home team must provide a scorekeeper and is the official book, will be listed first on the schedule and uses 3rd base dugout.
9. Visitors must provide a scoreboard operator, will be listed second on schedule and uses 1st base dugout.
10. Poor sportsmanship between players, coaches, and spectators will be asked to leave the ballpark; proper discipline will be administered by Hurricane Recreation league administrators
11. You must have 9 players to play, however if you do not, we will be playing with a player pool rule per the Little League Rule book. You can draft another participant from the lower league to fill your roster.
12. We will incorporate the continuous batting order per Little league Rule book. If a player has to leave early during a game, the coach will promptly notify the other team's coach and score keepers, at which time the batter will be removed from the lineup and treated as though the player had never been in the lineup and no out will be called for batting out of order.
13. Free defensive substitutions.
14. Mercy Rule after 3rd inning ahead by 15 runs 4<sup>th</sup> inning ahead by 10 runs.
15. Runner can steal as soon as the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
16. No pitching regulations for league play.
17. Runners must slide at any base or avoid contact with defensive player when there is a play. The catcher needs to clear home plate if there is no play at home. Also, the batter must get out of the way.
18. All other rules refer to the softball Little League Rule book.