

# USA SOFTBALL™

## of CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

### 8U RULES FOR SANCTIONED PLAY (NON-ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP)

- General Rules:**
1. All 8U teams & sanctioned tournaments will be classified "C".
  2. 10" RIF Softball
  3. Coaches must wear their current year Coaches ID around their necks at all time
  4. These are the official rules for USACC **sanctioned** tournaments. These rules cannot be modified.
  5. USA Softball Rules apply with the following exception:

**Exception:** Tournament Directors can remove the bunting rule at their discretion.

**Time Limit:** No new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes or 6 full innings.

**Format:** Pool Play to Single Elimination, Double Elimination or Round Robin.

**Game Break:** Each team must receive at least a 30-minute break between games.

- Base Running:**
1. Bases: 60 Feet.
  2. No more than 5 runs per inning per team. No Open innings.
  3. Runners may steal one base per pitch. No Stealing Home.
  4. No base stealing when coach is pitching.
  5. **Overthrows:**
    - a. **On a throw to first base the following occurs:** On any thrown ball to first base, the batter/runner may only advance one base past first base with the liability of being put out if the ball stays within live ball territory. All other runners may only advance two bases from the base that they were at from the time of the pitch with the liability of being put out if the ball stays in live ball territory.
    - b. **On a throw to any other base:** If on a throw to any other base and the ball is not caught, all runners and batter/runner may advance one base from the base they were at on defensive receiving the missed throw for an out at any base.
    - c. The umpire will only award a base to the runners if the ball has been thrown out of play.
    - d. Runner and batter/runner may be put out if they advance beyond the one base allowed. If the batter/runner attempt to go beyond the one base, at the end of the play the umpire will return all runners to the base they are entitled to if they have not been put out.
  6. Injured player will be replaced on the base from the last out, if they are not able to bat and run their next time at bat they are removed from the game and no out is taken.
  7. Cold home plate.

**Fielding:**

1. 10 players may play anywhere in fair territory at any one time except in the catcher's box where the catcher is.
2. Outfielders must position themselves at least 10 feet behind the baseline.
3. No Infield Fly Rule.

**Batting:**

1. Everyone bats and free defensive substitutions.
2. No dropped 3rd strike.
3. Bunting is allowed. **Exception:** No bunting off coach/pitch.
4. If line up drops to 8 players, USA Softball rule for shorthanded player will be in effect.

**Pitching:**

1. Pitching distance: Player and Coach 30 feet.
2. Players will pitch to opposing team.
3. Coach pitch
  - a. No coach pitch for the final Championship game.
  - b. Tournament director to determine if coach pitch will be allowed for additional elimination games.
4. A maximum of 2 (two) player/pitcher walks will be allowed per half inning. No walks will be allowed with bases loaded. Batter runner may not advance to 2nd base when walked.
  - a. After 2 allowed player/pitcher walks have been exhausted, a coach/pitcher will enter the circle when 4 balls have been called by the umpire.
  - b. The coach/pitcher will resume the player/pitcher strike count and will throw no more than two (2) pitches and ALL coach/pitches are considered strikes.
  - c. If the pitch is not put into play by the last pitch, the batter is out. **Exception:** If the last pitch is a foul ball, pitching continues until the ball is hit and put in play or the batter is called out.
  - d. Batter will NOT be awarded a base on a Hit by Pitch from the Coach/Pitcher or Base on balls.
  - f. If a batted ball hits the Coach/Pitcher the ball is dead and the batter is out. At no time shall the Coach/Pitcher obstruct play.
5. Player/Pitcher must have one foot in the circle at the time of Coach/Pitcher is pitching.
6. Coach/Pitcher must stay in the circle during play and **MAY NOT** provide Coaching assistance.