

2010 S.G.S. SUMMER SOFTBALL RULES

1. Coaches: Contact opposing coach seven days before scheduled game.
2. The OHSAA step back rule for pitching is allowed.
3. The mercy rule for all divisions is 15 runs after 5 innings.
4. There is a two-hour time limit on games. No full inning shall start after two hours from the official start of the game. Head umpire decides the official start time.
5. Pickup players should come from a lower age group and division. No player can be on more than one roster.
6. In the bronze divisions and 10U, teams must bat all players. In all other divisions, and age groups teams may use all players in the batting line-up, but not required. Batting the entire line-up is encouraged in the gold and silver divisions. Freedom of defensive substitution is permitted if the players are in the line-up.
7. There shall be no automatic out declared if for any reason a team cannot fill a position in the batting order (ex. Injury, absence etc) if batting the entire line-up.
8. For all divisions there will be only 9 defensive players. Players in the line-up have a freedom of defensive substitution.
9. Runs per inning rule – No limit for High School league, 14U gold and silver and 12U gold.
10. Runs per inning rule – 14U bronze, 12U silver and bronze, 10U – 6 runs per inning. A team may tie the score and score 6 more runs.
11. There is no dropped third strike rule for the 10U and 12U bronze divisions.
12. Stealing – 10U, 12U silver and bronze, 14U bronze – a player may leave the base with the pitchers release of the ball. No more than two bases are allowed on any one pitch. Stealing of home is legal. **(10U silver-No stealing home)** A runner attempting to advance beyond a base may be put out while between bases, but not while in contact with a base. After all play ceases, and ball is dead, if a runner occupies a base beyond what the runner was entitled to steal, the runner will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out.
13. Teams shall give a 48-hour cancellation notice to the other team without consequences unless weather cancels.
14. Umpires must be USSSA sanctioned. If two are used, they should both wear the USSSA approved uniform.
15. Teams will split umpire fees and provide one new ball per game.

Scheduling for High School Gold & Silver Divisions

When there is a DH on the schedule, it means a double header. The first game starts at 6:00 and lasts 7 innings or 1 ½ hour time limit whichever comes first. No new inning shall start after the time limit has expires. In case of a tie, the international tie breaker will be used. The second game starts after a small break and shall be a 5 inning game. Again with a 1 ½ hour time limit. Same tie breaker rule applies. Teams will split umpire fees and provide one new ball.