



TVBSL Softball - 10U



General Division Rules:

- **League Ages:** 9 and 10 year olds as of January 1st. 8 year olds can play up with 8U experience.
- **Player Request:** Players may request one other player. Both players must request the same player or the request will not be granted.
- **Coach Request:** Coaches can request to be paired with one other coach
- **Coach Total:** There will be up to 3 named coaches per team
- **Team Formation:** To be done by the League Commissioner or delegate. Based on player requests, siblings, ages, and player evals from 8U.
- **Evaluations:** Players do not need to attend player evaluation day
- **Number of Games:** 10 games total will be played
- **Schedule:** Practice to begin ~2 weeks prior to FHPS spring break, games to begin last week of April or first week of May
- **Scorebooks:** Scorebooks not provided. Coaches can print sheets from internet. Score will be kept during games. Team records will be kept. Coaches need to convene at the end of each ½ inning to confirm consistency in the score.
- **Uniforms:** A shirt and visor will be provided to each player
- **All-Stars:** None
- **Equipment Provided:** All teams will be provided enough game balls for the season, a bat, helmets, and an equipment bag.
- **Events:** A maximum of 3 events can happen once every calendar week, Sunday to Sunday, practices and games combined.

Division Rules:

- No "Coaches Agreements"- The rules of TVBSL softball are followed at all times.
- A regulation game consists of 6 innings
- Weather Delays: See TVBSL rule book
- **Time Limits:** Drop dead time limit of 1:30 (90 minutes) with no inning beginning after 1:20 (80 minutes). The score reverts back to the previous completed inning if the inning is not complete. The start of the game is defined as the time listed on the schedule.
- **Player requirements:** Teams must have at least 7 players to play a game
- Lineup sheet: A lineup is provided to each team by each coach. Lineups must correspond to the rules of the TVBSL Rookie League.
- **Umpires:** Umpires will be provided. In the event no umpire is provided, the defensive coach will call balls/strikes and the offensive coach will call outs on the basepaths
- Defensive coaches are NOT allowed in the field of play.

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Offense:

- Every player is included in the batting order. A continuous batting order is used. If a player is late, the player is added to the end of the order.
- **Stealing:** There will be no stealing allowed for the first 5 games of the season. During this time, hitters will be able to practice taking a lead off after the ball passes the plate. At game 6, full stealing is allowed (including passed balls) with one base being allowed to be stolen per at bat. Runners may not leave contact with the base until the ball crosses the plate. If a runner leaves early, the runner returns to the base. Runners are allowed to steal home.
- **Runs per inning:** Each team is permitted to score 5 runs per inning
- **Mercy rule:** The game is officially over when a team is leading by more runs than what can be scored by the opposing team. For example, leading by 6 runs after 5 innings, leading by 11 runs after 4 innings
- Bats must meet all USA Softball Certified regulations. 1.20 BPF.
- 11" softballs used.
- Players may advance bases until the ball is secured by the pitcher in the circle
- Bunting is allowed.

Defense:

- 10 defensive players in the field, 4 must be a minimum of 10ft in the outfield grass and spaced evenly.
- Facemasks are mandatory.
- **Rotation:** See TVBSL lineup spreadsheets for rules.
- The player playing pitcher must start within 5 feet of the pitcher's plate (or within the circle) if the coach is pitching.

Pitching:

- **Distance:** Pitching rubber will be set at 35 feet. (Pitchers can move up to 30 feet for player development purposes until May 11)
- A pitcher can walk 2 batters per ½ inning. On the third "walk", once a batter reaches ball 4, an offensive coach will pitch the remaining allowable strikes to their batter. No balls will be called when the coaches pitch but strikes will be. If the last pitch is fouled off, an additional pitch is given. No bunting is allowed when the coach is pitching. Coaches pitch from 30-35 feet with a full windmill.
- Hit by a pitch is not considered a walk. If batter is hit by ball in the air, it is a HBP. If the ball hits the ground in front of hitter, it is not a HBP. Starting on May 11, all balls that hit the batter will be HPB.
- A player may pitch in a maximum of 3 innings per game and a maximum of 6 innings per week.

If there are any rules that are not included in the rule book, defer to the TVBSL rule book and what would promote maximizing the experience (fun and learning) for all players involved.