

# CONWAY YOUTH SOFTBALL RULES

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## City of Colleges Park

Rules for City of Colleges Park apply to all players, coaches, and spectators.

1. We will not tolerate foul language or abusive behavior towards the players, coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, or Parks staff. The first offense will result in immediate ejection from the Complex.
2. All City of Conway parks are tobacco-free facilities.
3. No alcohol or illicit drugs are allowed in the park.
4. Skates, bikes, scooters, or any other recreational wheeled equipment are not permitted inside the Complex.
5. No dogs allowed.
6. No soft toss allowed into the fence.

## **Sportsmanship & Safety**

7. USA Softball rules will be followed unless otherwise stated. [www.arasa.org](http://www.arasa.org)
8. All bats must have a USA or USSSA Fastpitch stamp on the bat.
9. We want to encourage sportsmanship in every game. Teach players the correct way to play the game and do not purposely run up the score on another team. Make sure players and coaches shake hands after each game.
10. Ejection from a game for a player, coach, or fan means that person must exit to the parking lot.
11. Players are only allowed to warm up in the warm-up area. They do not need to warm up on the sides of the dugouts or along the sidewalks.
12. Only the batter and the on-deck batter are allowed outside the dugout. The on-deck batter should use the warm-up circle behind the batter: 3rd base side if a right-handed batter is up and 1st base side if a left-handed batter is up
13. Slinging the Bat – (whether intentional or accidental): It will be the umpire's discretion to either issue a warning or call the batter out. If a batter is called out for slinging the bat, it will be a dead ball, and no runners advance.
14. The slide rule is in effect. Umpire has the discretion to call someone out for not sliding. This is a judgment call and will be final. This does not mean they have to slide. This means in an attempt to avoid a tag they can slide within reason to avoid contact. This is at the discretion of the umpire.
15. Games will be delayed or called when lightning is within 10 miles of the park. If multiple delays occur, games will be called. If not an official game, the remaining part of the game will be made-up.

## 10U Kid Pitch League Game Play

Rules in this section are specific to our 10U Kid Pitch League.

16. Positions: one pitcher, catcher, 1B, 2B, 3B, Shortstop, and 3-4 outfield positions. A catcher must be behind the plate, inside the catcher's box, and in the catching position. Pitchers must have one foot in the circle. Any non-pitching infielder is allowed one step in front of the baseline
17. Games will last for 65 minutes or six innings. We will not start a new inning after 60 minutes. No extra innings except in tournament play. For ties in tournament play, the last batter will start the inning on second base.
18. There is a 6 run maximum or 3 outs per inning.
19. Run Rule – After 4 completed innings, if a team is up by 13 or more runs the game will be called.
20. The infield fly rule is in effect.
21. Dropped third-strike rule is NOT in effect.
22. Bunting is allowed (

### **Pitching & Catching**

23. There are no walks in this league. Once the batter has obtained 4 balls before they hit the ball or strike out, the coach will come in to pitch to their hitter. The 4 balls will be dropped and the strikes and pitch count will stay. Each player will get no more than 7 total pitches at each at bat. If the coach throws the remainder of the pitches and the player does not put a fair batted ball in play, she is out. The pitcher will take one step to the left or right of the mound when the coach is pitching. The coach can take 3 to 5 normal steps from the mound to pitch.
24. Once the batter has two strikes, foul balls will not be counted toward the total pitch count while the kid is still pitching.
25. Play will be called dead when the pitcher has possession of the ball inside the circle.
26. A player may not steal a base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. There will be NO stealing when a coach is pitching.
27. The head coach is allowed only one minute during mound visits.
28. The warm-up period for pitchers each inning will be 5 pitches.
29. A base runner will only be allowed 1 extra base on a missed played ball to any base. The runner is still advancing to the next base at her own risk. If the fielder then attempts to get the runner out, the runner has the right to as many bases as allowed by the defensive team.
30. Catchers may be pinch run for by the player making the last out, if there are two outs. The catcher must have caught the previous inning

### **Lineups & Substitutions**

31. Line-up must be turned in 10 minutes before scheduled game time.
32. Home and visitor will be determined by a coin flip.
33. No player can sit on the bench on defense for more than 1 inning per game unless a physical or emotional problem occurs.
34. All players will bat in rotation. Any player arriving after the start of the game will be added at the end of the batting order.
35. A team will be permitted to play regardless of how many players they have available

### **Coaches & Officials**

36. Coaches: need to be positioned in the dugout area unless coaching first or third base. Only 2 coaches are allowed outside the dugout during the game. Coaches must stay in the general area of the dugout when the team is in the field and in coaching boxes when the team is batting.
37. Only the head coach can approach the umpire about a call in a respectful manner. The coach that does the coin toss is considered the head coach.
38. If at any time there is a ruling call that is questioned, the head coach should respectfully ask the umpire to see if the UIC is available to resolve this issue.
39. At no point should anyone but the head coach or umpire approach the scorekeeper about the score. Parents, spectators, or other coaches do not need to be at the score stand. If there is an issue, the head coach needs to take it to the umpire.
40. Each team will provide a volunteer to keep the clock and book. The home team keeps the scorebook; the visitor keeps the scoreboard.

### **Eligibility & Uniforms**

41. 10U Fastpitch League is for 9 and 10-year-olds only. This is a kid pitch league.
42. If a player's age is in question, the parent or legal guardian must submit the birth certificate to the Conway Parks and Recreation Department. The player is not allowed to play until this requirement is met. If found that the player is playing in the wrong league, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
43. No jewelry unless health-related and then it must be taped down.
44. No metal cleats will be allowed.

**Conway Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change rules as needed.**