



## 2026 Modified/Supplemental Playing Rules - 10U Division

(Current USA rules apply with the following modifications)

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### ***General Rules:***

1. All players are required to have and use a batting helmet with a face cage while on offense, a face mask while on defense, and shoes with plastic cleats (no metal cleats permitted); Recommended, but not required equipment includes: slider shorts, facemask, wraps and protective shin/knee pads (aka sliders).
2. Official game ball is a new 11-inch Rawlings Official Dream Seam softball in optic yellow. If necessary, an alternate ball of the same size may be used if deemed equivalent by the Division Commissioner, UIC, or game umpire.
3. A practice shall consist of 5 or more players. Each girl may practice eight hours per week prior to opening day. Each girl may practice a maximum of six hours per week including games, after opening day. (Each game will be considered 1 1/2 hours.) Non-compliance with this rule shall be reported to the Division Commissioner.
4. Any player catching for a pitcher at any time must wear full catcher's gear.
5. Players are not permitted to wear jewelry (including watches and earrings) except Medic Alert bracelets.
6. All players will keep their shirts tucked in.
7. All players must wear socks that cover the ankle. "Peds" are not permitted.
8. Profanity, intoxicants of any kind, and tobacco use of any kind are not permitted.
9. Throwing of equipment is not permitted.
10. Base Coaches on offense will remain in the Coaching box at all times, unless there is a time-out.



11. Parents, Fans and Team Staff will refrain from any type of sarcasm, verbal abuse, physical abuse, intimidation, or other unsportsmanlike acts directed towards players, other parents, fans, Team Staff, umpires or MGS Board Volunteers.
12. It is the responsibility of the Manager to adhere to and enforce all General Rules. Failure to comply will result in one or more of the following: a) team warning; b) player is ejected; c) disqualification of Manager and/or conflicting player(s) for said game; d) forfeiture of said game; e) next game suspension of Manager and/or conflicting player(s). All actions under Rule 12 must be reported to the Division Commissioner, who will report it to the MGS Executive Board.

### ***Game Play Rules:***

13. The infield fly rule is in effect.
14. The dropped third strike rule is in effect. A batter runner may advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
15. Stealing of all bases is allowed, and home plate is hot. Continuation on a walk is allowed at the runner's own risk.
16. All weekday games will be 1 hr. & 20 minutes "drop dead". The game will be stopped in the middle of an inning, with the current batter allowed to finish. The score at the "drop dead" time will revert back to the last completed inning, unless the home team is ahead. On Saturday's, a game will be 1 hr. & 30 minutes, with no new inning beginning after this time. Any inning started prior to the 1 hr. & 30 minute game time shall be completed. A game shall be deemed complete at the end of the described time limit or upon completion of 7 innings or, in the event the home team is leading, at the end of 6 ½ innings.



**16 Cont.** In the event it becomes necessary to discontinue a game, it shall be official at the end of 4 innings or, in the event the home team is leading, at the end of 3 ½ innings. Those games shall be official when the game is called for sunset or when the umpire deems it unsafe to continue.

17. A team shall bat all players in a fixed rotation, regardless of whether or not they are playing defensively at that time. A player who arrives after the start of the game shall be added to the batting lineup at the end of the batting order. A player who leaves the game early will be skipped, and will not be recorded as an out.
18. Based on team sizes, the Player Agent and Division Commissioner will determine whether teams will play with 9 or 10 defensive players. Outfielders must be on outfield grass or approximately 15 feet behind the base line, until the ball is pitched. A team must have a minimum of 7 defensive players to start a game. When playing “shorthanded” with 7 players, an out will not be charged when the 8th, 9th or 10th batting position is scheduled to come to the plate.
19. A girl cannot sit out two consecutive innings.
20. A team is restricted to a maximum of 4 runs per inning. The “losing” team will be allowed to score four plus the number of runs needed to go “up” four runs over the “winning” team.
21. A pitcher is restricted to pitching a maximum of 4 innings per game, but not four consecutive innings. When violated, the pitcher is removed from the pitching position and cannot return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game. Only the P1 can be reinserted into the game after being replaced as the pitcher, as long as she has not reached her pitching limit. One pitch thrown constitutes an inning pitched.
22. The home team scorekeeper is the official scorekeeper, and must maintain the Official Scorebook.



23. Any interleague play will follow USA Softball Official Rules. Except with MGS Rules, there will be no mercy rule in effect.

24. In the event of a tie in standings at the end of the season, the tie breaker analysis is as followed:

- a. Winning Percentage
- b. Head-to-Head
- c. Total Run Differential
- d. Total Runs Against
- e. Total Runs For
- f. Coin Toss