

Gainesville Youth Summer League

2022 RULES

Coach Pitch DIVISION

Ages 6-8 girls

- **Age: 6-8 Girls**
- PROMOTE SAFETY AND SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES!!!!
- Bases will be 60 feet
- Time Limit: 60 minutes or 5 innings, *no inning will start after 55 minutes, unless score is tied.*
- Coach Pitch
- Ball: 11"
- Each batter gets 5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes. If last pitch is fouled off, batter gets another pitch.
- 5-run rule per inning
- No bunting. Batted ball must pass beyond 10' line from home plate or it is foul. Ball on line is fair. Defense may not field ball until it crosses 10' line.
- No stealing or lead-offs. Base-runners cannot leave until ball is hit.
- 10 fielders but total roster may bat. Free substitution of fielders. Batting order must remain same entire game.
- Player pitcher must remain inside pitching circle until ball is hit.
- Coach Pitcher must pitch from inside pitching circle. 10 foot circle. Coach pitch distance is 35'. *(However, please allow for flexibility depending on ability level due to our age group discrepancies)*
- If batted or thrown ball hits coach pitcher ball is dead. Batter runner and all other runners are awarded one base.
- Play stops when ball is returned to pitching circle or when runners have stopped and umpire has called time out. If runners are not past half way line by the time player pitcher or coach pitcher has ball in circle the runner must return to previous base. Errant throw to pitcher will be counted as pitcher catching it. *This is an umpire judgment call and runners may be asked to return to previous base or allowed to stay at the base they had reached.*
- **Overthrow rule:** when defensive team throws ball to a base to attempt to get an out and the ball is overthrown or missed the runner being played on and all other runners are allowed to advance at their own risk 1 base only. When overthrow is retrieved by defense ball is dead unless player throws ball in attempt to get advancing runner out.
- Teams may use as few as 7 players. SEE PLAYER ROSTER GUIDELINES
- 10 run rule after 4 innings, 15 after 3 innings.
- In the case of rain, etc., a game that has gone 3 innings (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings if the losing team has batted a third time) is considered a completed game