

OFFICIAL RULES
Softball
Grades 1 and 2
(Rev. March 31, 2008)

*The purpose of the program is to provide an **instructional and fun** opportunity for all children to learn about the sport of softball.*

1. In the first part of the season, every batter gets to first automatically on a hit (fielders should still play the ball for the out). Batters can advance only one base on a hit. In the 2nd part of the season (5/13/2008), outs can be recorded on batter/runners. If an out is recorded then the batter/runner should return to the bench. The offensive team will continue to bat without regard for the number of outs recorded.
2. Each batter is entitled to 8 pitches. (The coach/pitcher may declare a mulligan on any of the pitches.) After 8 pitches, the coach will put the batting tee in place and the batter will hit off the tee.
3. Each game will last 3 innings or an hour and 15 minutes. Games can be extended if time allows.
4. Bases should be 40 feet apart.
5. An 11 inch safety (softy) ball will be used during games.
6. No making fun of other players or teammates at any time.
7. Coaches should be aware of who their best hitters are in order to warn the other team when they are coming to up to bat
8. No keeping score.
9. All players from the defensive team play in the field each half inning.
10. All players from the offensive team bat each half inning.
11. A coach from the offensive team pitches each half inning.
12. The offensive team should provide a catcher who should work with batters on their hitting. Players are not allowed to be behind home plate.
13. Coaches from the defensive team should be on the playing field with their team providing instruction.
14. Batters must wear helmets at all times.
15. No stealing or leading. Base runners must stay on the base until the ball is hit
16. No tagging up to score from third.
- 17. After the game all players & coaches line up to shake their opponents hands**