

SANTA PAULA GIRLS SOFTBALL / ASA

DIVISION RULES

8 and Under Division

- 1 Home team provides 10" game ball (A Safety Ball).
- 2 The base paths shall be set at sixty (60) feet.
- 3 Pitching distance shall be thirty (30) feet.
- 4 A legal game shall be 1 hour, 20 minutes, **no new inning**.
- 5 Each team must have a minimum of seven (7) players to start a regulation game (no exceptions).
- 6 Ten (10) players are used in the defensive position, six (6) on the infield, four (4) in the outfield.
- 7 Outfielders must remain behind the designated line (which is ten (10) feet behind the baseline) until the ball is hit.
- 8 Home plate is cold. There shall be no infield fly rule or drop third strike rule.
- 9 Stealing is allowed. One base per pitch including when an error is made on the throw (overthrow) or catch.
- 10 On an overthrow (out of play) runners will be awarded only one base from the last base achieved at the time of the throw.

Situation: With a runner on 2nd base, the batter hits the ball to the shortstop, shortstop holds runner at 2nd base then overthrows 1st base.

Outcome: Since the runner on 2nd base had not yet achieved 3rd base and the batter had not yet achieved 1st base at the time of the overthrow, the runner at 2nd base is awarded 3rd base and the batter is awarded 1st base.

- 11 The team at bat may earn no more than four (4) runs per inning. The ½ inning will when three outs have been recorded, or four runs have been scored.
 - 12 During the **first half of the season** there will be a maximum of (3) walks or hit by pitch (HBP) allowed per inning. After a 3rd batter is pitched a 4th ball or HBP, the coach will come in to pitch the remaining strike count (unlimited foul balls). Coach pitch will remain for subsequent walks HBP until the ½ inning is completed. A batter hit by a pitch from a players pitched ball will not erase any previous strikes, the coach/adult will pitch the remaining count. The adult pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber. The youth pitcher shall stand anywhere behind the pitching rubber with both feet in the circle while the adult pitcher is pitching. The pitcher who pitched ball four (4) must be the same player who stands in the circle for coach pitch. No substitutions except for injury. When a ball is pitched from and adult pitcher, the youth pitcher from the opposing team must remain behind the pitching rubber, with both feet in the pitching circle, until the ball is hit. If the opposing youth pitcher moves in front of the pitching rubber before the ball is hit, a "Dead Ball" play is called and the batter returns to the plate. If a batted ball strikes the adult pitcher or the adult pitcher interferes with the play a "Dead Ball" play is called and the batter returns to the plate.
 - 13 Illegal pitches will not be called. A "Dead Ball", no pitch, will be called and no advancement of the base runners.
 - 14 All rescheduled games will be played at earliest possible date.
- See "SPGS RULES AND REGULATIONS", posted on our website.