

Brookfield, La Grange, La Grange Park Fall Ball
8U Rules 8U
2018

Continual batting order. Every player on roster bats.

Use 11" softballs.

Inning ends when three defensive outs are recorded, or 5 runs have been scored.
In the event that a play would allow more than 5 runs to score, allow the play to come to completion.
However, no more than 5 runs will be awarded.

Free substitution- unlimited changes on defense each inning.

No player will sit on the bench more than two innings at a time.

No base stealing. 1 base on all over throws (this applies to an overthrow to any base.) Excessive base running should be avoided.

PITCHING

Pitching rubber set at 32 feet.

There will be no walks (exception- if the batter attempts to avoid being hit and is hit 1st base will be awarded. On the other hand if she just stands there and does not make an attempt to avoid being hit and is hit 1st base will not be granted. (A judgment call) the idea is either hit safely or strike out.

Player pitches. After ball four is called, coach comes in relief.

Count ball four one strike, batter gets two more pitches.

Ball four and no strikes, batter gets three more pitches.

Batter is given 7 pitches in which to hit the ball, if the last pitch is fouled or tipped and not caught the batter will get an additional pitch or pitches.

Batter is warned when they have two pitches remaining.

After 7th pitch, if the batter has not hit the ball she is out.

Batters can strike out.

MISC

Time Limit

Drop dead time 1 hour 50 minutes

At 1 hour 30 minutes the current inning is played to completion if time permits, no new inning is to be started after 1 hr 30 minutes.

Coaches on the field

Offensive Coaches can stand near the pitching mound during play to facilitate fast play and assist with over throws.

Goals of league:

- **Have fun.**
- **Get the kids swinging the bats.** Encourage players to swing at pitches. Strike zones will be big.
- **Teach rules of game.** Situations in game play can be explained/ taught throughout the game so long as it does not impede on pace of game.

La Grange Fall Ball
12U Rules
2018

*No Coach Pitch

*2 innings max pitching per game split anyway (one pitch is an inning). I'm even open to a pitcher going 3 innings. I prefer having the girls see better pitching. This is open for discussion.

*5 run rule per inning, except unlimited last inning

*continuous batting order with a minimum of nine. Let's not take an out because we are not guaranteed 9 girls for every game

*no mercy rule for in-house games

NO Stealing – Let's work on the girls making plays in the field instead of advancing on steals.

*One base on an overthrow, on a play in the field

*Runner can lead off after the ball crosses the plate

*runners must slide on close plays at bases to avoid contact, umpire's discretion

*pitcher is allowed 2 hit batters in an inning and can come back later in the game but is not allowed to pitch after hitting a 3rd batter. The batter must make an attempt to move out of the way if able to do so.

*No player is to sit out more than 2 innings per game and no player shall play more than 3 innings at the same position.

*11 inch softballs

*Pitching rubber set at 35 feet.