

CERES YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

2019 5-6 GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES

1. Coaches remember this is a recreation league. You are responsible for exhibiting good sportsmanship, for coaches, players and fans.
2. The first half the season is Tee Ball. 5 balls if the 5th one is hit foul she is out. The second half is Coach Pitch 3 pitches from the coach and 2 off the tee. If the last one is hit foul she is out.
3. Everyone will bat. All players will play defense.
4. Bunting will not be allowed. The infield fly rule is not in effect. Hesitation rule is not effect.
5. No stealing allowed. The sliding rule is NOT in effect.
6. When the ball is touched by the pitcher with both feet inside the circle the play is dead. At this time the runner(s) must return to the last base they touched. If two runners are between the same bases the lead runner IS awarded the next base, second and third ONLY.
7. Runners may advance on a batted ball that is hit back to the pitcher as the play is still alive. The pitcher must make a play on a runner and the ball returned to the circle to stop play.
8. All teams must have 6 infielders 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, SS, Pitcher, and Catcher. The rest of the players in will be in the outfield. 15 feet behind the base line.
9. The game shall last 1 hour or 6 innings. NO new inning shall start after 1 hour, INCLUDING TIES.
10. A player may be called out if she throws the bat. One warning per team. Umpires judgment.
11. One coach is allowed to be with the batter during tee ball.
12. The infielders may not play closer than 10 feet in front of the base line.
13. Helmets with chin straps AND facemasks must be worn by batters, runners and on deck batters. Helmets will be worn when leaving the dugout and any time while on the field. One warning per team, second time they may be called out.
14. There is a five (5) run per inning limit.
15. The umpire will automatically call a runner out if she misses a base and touches the next base.
16. You must be able to field 7 players at game time, or a forfeit will result.
17. NO Protest. NO Standings. NO official scoring.
18. There can be coaches in the outfield on defense and ONE coach on offense for batting.
19. Shoes will be worn on the field. NO Open toe shoes. Coaches and Players
20. The pitching coach will pitch from 30 feet WITH one foot on the rubber.
21. The pitching coach must leave the area when ball is hit. The coach must go toward their own dugout. If he/she is hit with the ball the batter is out.

TEE BALL – Coach Pitch

In the first half of the season the batters will get 5 swings off the tee. If the fifth swing goes foul the batter will be called out. The ball **MUST** go to the 4 foot line.

The second half of the season will be coach pitch. The batter will get 3 swings or 3 pitches from the pitcher. If the batter **DOESN'T** hit the ball, it will be put on the tee and she gets 2 swings. If the ball goes foul the batter will be called out. The ball **MUST** go past the four foot line.

Since this is a non-competitive league, the open sixth inning rule will **NOT** be in effect. The sixth inning will be played with the same guidelines as the first through fifth innings. Home team bats last with a five run limit, per team, per inning.

Please remember the purpose of the Ceres Youth Softball league is to teach the girls the fundamental skills necessary to play softball and to **HAVE FUN!**