

# RULES – 8U

1. ASA Rules apply with the following exceptions:
  - Ten players will play defensively.
  - Teams may start and play with 9 Players with no penalty. When the tenth player arrives, she will be inserted into the batting order in the 10<sup>th</sup> Position.
  - Coaches must deliver the pitch from the 35 foot pitching distance
  - Teams may Roster Bat or use the following: Teams may bat up to twelve players in the line-up. The two EP's are considered part of the defensive lineup and can be used freely defensively without reporting to the umpire. Twelve players can participate in each game; 10 girls that play defense, and two EP's. Should a Player be removed from the batting line-up, a substitute must enter the game or an out be called when such Player's turn comes to bat.
  - Play is stopped when the lead runner's progress has been stopped by a defensive player. The umpire will call time once an infielder has possession of the ball and the lead runner is stopped. The ball does NOT have to get back to the circle to stop play.
  - Some 8U rules to note include:
    - Batters must put the ball into play using five pitches. Should the fifth pitch be fouled off, a sixth pitch will be allowed. If fouled the batter will continue to bat.  
Should the batter not swing at the sixth pitch, the batter is out. No walks. Three strikes and the batter is out.
  - Infield fly will be NOT called.
  - No bunting.
  - Slapping is allowed
  - No stealing. Runner can advance on an over-throw.
2. Home and Visitor will be decided by Coin Flip during Pool Play. The Higher Seeded Team will be the Home Team in Bracket Play. Undefeated Team in Championship game will be Home Team. Should there be an If Game, the Home Team will be decided by Coin Flip.
3. No infield before games.
4. Game balls will be furnished and should be **returned** after each game.
5. All games are 1 hour except for championship game which will be 6 innings. No new inning will start after 60 minutes. Inning in process will be completed.
6. Pool Play may end in a Tie. International tie-breaker will be used after 6 innings or after time has expired and the game is tied for Bracket Play
7. Six (6) Run Limit per Inning, per Team. Run rule of 12 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5. Run Rule is in effect for the Championship Game.
8. Umpires will keep the time on the field. Umpires are in charge of the field and all rulings stand. Protests can **ONLY** be made regarding **INTERPRETATION** of the rules. Games will not resume until the protest is resolved. To protest, the head coach must request time and that a protest is being made, accompanied by a \$75 Protest Fee.