

SPECIFIC DIVISION RULES **8 & Under All-Star Division**

****OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL RULES WILL BE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**

1. All games will be six (6) innings unless shortened by Time Limit (1 ½ Hr), Run Rule, and Inclement Weather. If four (4) innings are complete or three and one-half (3 ½) if the home team is leading, the game is complete.
2. No more than eight (8) runs can be scored in an inning. An inning ends after the eighth run is scored. This applies to all except the last inning, and then there is no limit to the number of runs scored.
3. If a team is leading by 10 or more runs after four (4) innings or three & one-half (3 ½) if the home team is leading, the umpire will stop the game at the completion of the inning & the leading team will be the winner.
4. The manager or coach will pitch to their own players. Strikes will not be called, but batters can strike out except if the third strike is fouled, the batter will continue.
5. There will be no walks, but each batter will be limited to five (5) pitches. If a turn at bat is not completed after seen (5) pitches the batter will be called out. Fouling the fifth (5) pitch is not an out.
6. Pitching rubber is thirty-five (35) feet & managers or coaches must pitch from within the ten (10) foot chalk circle around the pitching rubber.
7. The pitching motion & release must be completed within the circle. Pitches delivered while stepping over the circle will be declared as NO PITCH (no ball, no strike).
8. The manager or coach will pitch underhand from a standing position.
9. The manager or coach must leave the playing area after the ball is hit making sure not to interfere with the ball, runner or fielder & will remain off the field until the play is stopped.
10. If a batted ball hits the designated pitcher, it shall be ruled a dead ball (no pitch, no strike).
11. The defensive pitcher must have at least one (1) foot in the circle around the mound & be behind the rubber at the time of the pitch. Violation: Dead ball; no pitch, no strike.
12. No leading off is permitted. One (1) warning per team. Player will be called out for the second (2nd) team offense.
13. No stealing or advancing on a passed ball. Any ball going past the catcher is a passed ball.
14. On defense one (1) manager or coach will be permitted in the outfield during the progress of the game to help position players, give direction, etc. However, if the umpire-in-chief feels the progress of the game is being delayed too much, the umpire has the authority to rule as he sees fit.
15. Ten (10) players can be used on defense. The extra player will be used in normal outfield depth only. Nine (9) players are needed to start a game.

16. No bunting will be permitted.

17. Infield fly rule will **NOT** be enforced.

18. Play stops when no runners are attempting to advance. For an umpire to grant time out the following must happen: first the defensive team must stop the progress of the runner(s) - [any hesitation by runner(s) is to be interpreted as stopping] **AND** a defensive player (any defensive player infield or outfield) must have possession of the ball and be standing in the infield (i.e. dirt).

19. Safety bases will be used at first base. On a play, the runner is to use the orange base and the fielder the white base.

20. On overthrown ball, all base runners may advance one, & only one base at their own risk, and then play is finished. Only the first overthrown ball per batted ball will allow the runner to advance. (Example): runner on first advances to second on the hit ball. The ball is overthrown at first base when trying to put the batter/runner out at first. The runner at first who advances to second on the hit may now advance to third on the overthrow at their own risk. The batter/runner may advance from first to second at their own risk. The runners may NOT advance any further no matter where the defense throws the ball.

21. Continuous batting order will be used – All players present must bat. In the event that a team falls below 9 players due to injury or sickness, those line-up spots will be an automatic **OUT**

All-Star Division Roster

Division: U8 U10 U12 U14 (Circle One)

Team Name: _____

Name	Address	DOB
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I acknowledge the above roster to be accurate and that these players participated in our recreational softball program this past spring/ summer.

Coach's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

League Official Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

League Position: _____ **Date:** _____