

Red River Softball Association – 2009 League Rules – 6U

1. **FIELD DIMENSIONS:**
 - a. Bases – 50 feet
 - b. Coach Pitch Line – 20 feet
 - c. Pitcher Circle – 8 foot radius around 40' pitching plate
 - d. Half way hashes marked between bases
2. **GAME:** 5 innings or 60 minute time limit
3. **INNING RUN RULE:** No rule in effect. Bat 10 batters.
4. **GAME ENDING RUN RULE:** No rule in effect.
5. **OFFENSIVE:**
 - a. Continuous batting order of all players.
 - b. Players arriving after the umpire has started the game will be entered at the end of the batting order.
 - c. A substitute or “pinch” runner for an injured player will be the batter who made the last out.
 - d. The coach will throw five (5) pitches. If the batter fails to get a hit, the batter is out.
 - e. There will be no automatic out obtained for playing with the seven (7) player minimum.
6. **DEFENSIVE:**
 - a. Ten (10) players in the field (4 outfielders).
 - b. Seven (7) players minimum to field a team. NOTE: The missing 8th, 9th, or 10th players are not scored as automatic outs.
 - c. All players must play in normal defensive positions. Infielders will be no closer than ten (10) feet in front of the baselines until the ball is hit. Outfielders will be no closer than ten (10) feet behind the baselines until the ball is hit.
 - d. Players must not “ROLL” or “BOWL” the ball in an effort to put out a base runner. Players must throw the ball. Failure to conform to this rule will result in the batter-runner/base runner being declared safe (this is all bases including home).
7. **ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW:** Runners may only advance one base on an overthrow to first base or the pitcher.
8. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Allowed, including pitchers.
9. **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME:** See RRSA Rules and Regulations (G).
10. **BUNTING:** Not allowed.
11. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** Not applicable.
12. **STOPPING OF PLAY:** Play may be stopped if the ball crosses the plane of the circle or hits inside the circle, the player pitcher has possession inside the circle, it touches the player pitcher in the circle, another defensive player enters the circle with the ball, or the defensive player with the ball must be in a position to stop advancement of the lead runner until time is called by the umpire. For the 10th batter, an automatic two outs will be called. The last out will stop play. NOTE: Base runners that are at least half way to the next base when time is called shall advance to the next base. If the base runner is not to the half way mark, the base runner will return to their base of origin.
13. **PITCHING:** Coach will pitch 5 pitches to the batter. There are no strikes. Batter will be able to swing at all 5 pitches. NOTE: Once the ball is put into play, the coach pitcher must exit the field in a manner that will cause the least obstruction to the play. Interference by the coach will be an umpire based judgment call and is not debatable.
14. **BASE STEALING:** Not allowed.
15. **BASE RUNNER:** The base runner must maintain contact with the base until the ball is hit. Any violation will result in the base runner being declared out.
16. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:** League standings will be kept and each team will be invited to participate in an end of season tournament.
17. **BALL SIZE:** Eleven (11) inch safety ball.
18. **ABBREVIATED GAMES:** In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be ruled official if the losing team has batted at least three (3) complete innings. The score will revert to the last complete inning to determine the winner. If three (3) full innings have not been completed, the game will be declared a suspended game. See RRSA Rules and Regulations (O).
19. **COACH ROLE:** A total of three coaches on offense (including the coach pitcher) and three coaches on defense are allowed on the field during play. Coaches may not interfere with the normal flow of the game. NOTE: Once the ball is put into play, the coach pitcher must exit the field in a manner that will cause the least obstruction to the play. Interference by the coach will be an umpire based judgment call and is not debatable.