

# 2023 S.T.A.L-FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## 10u Rules

**PITCHING DISTANCE:** 35 Feet

**BASE DISTANCE:** 60 Feet

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

Max: 10

To Start: 9

Min: 8

**\*If a team is playing with less than 10 players, that team must take an out for the missing player(s).**

**\*ONLY when two outs: The batter before the missing player is walked or hit by the pitch, you will skip over the missing player out and proceed to the next batter.**

**GAME LENGTH:** 6 innings

**TIME LIMIT:** 75 minutes finish the inning.

**RUN LIMIT (Per inning):**

-5 runs per inning

**MERCY RULE:**

-15 run differential after 3 innings

-12 run differential after 4 innings

-10 run differential after 5 innings

**BATTING ORDER:** Continuous – everyone bats, including in the tournament.

**COURTESY RUNNER:**

-For catcher – only when 2 outs. Last recorded out will be the replacement runner.

**STEALING:** Yes

-Runners may leave the base once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

-Runners are only permitted to steal **ONE** base at a time. Runners must wait until the next pitch to steal the next base.

-If the ball is overthrown on the steal, the runner cannot advance.

**LEAD OFFS:** Yes

-Runners may leave the base once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

-Once the pitcher has the ball with one foot in the circle, the runner must decide to either go back to their previous base or run to the next base. Failure to do so may occur in the runner being called out – UMPIRE JUDGEMENT.

**SLIDING:**

-Runners should make an attempt to slide when a play is being made.

-Penalty may occur for not sliding if contact was made – UMPIRE JUDGEMENT.

**BAT THROWING:**

-Batter will get one warning. After the warning, the batter may be called out if problem persists – UMPIRE JUDGEMENT.

**BUNTING:** Yes

**DROP 3<sup>RD</sup> STRIKE:** No

**INFIELD FLY RULE:** Yes

**CONTINUOUS WALK:** Yes

**\*\*\*PLEASE SEE THE GENERAL RULES FOR THE RULES THAT PERTAIN TO EVERY AGE GROUP\*\*\***