



## CAMBRIA/SOMERSET GIRLS 8 & UNDER FAST PITCH SOFTBALL RULES

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**NOTE: Please pay attention to any BOLD and HIGHLIGHTED text, indicating new or changed rules.**

1. This division is for players who are 8 years of age or younger as January 1 of the season year. Rosters will be reviewed by the CSFPS Board and may be questioned/rejected at the discretion of the Board.
2. All team must be comprised of players selected by draft from their home league. A player cannot be on a roster on more than one team in CSFPS.
3. The league will use an 11" Easton IncrediBall (A122604) or its equivalent. Optic yellow is preferred.
4. Coaches will pitch from a minimum of 30' from the apex (back point) of home plate. Batters will receive 5 hittable pitches from the coach. If they do not hit a fair ball, they will get 2 swings from the Tee. \*Please adhere to this rule to keep the game moving!
  - 4A. From a safety standpoint, it was suggested that the players on the pitcher's mound shall stand on either side of the coach pitcher, and not behind them.
5. Adult coaches or players can be used as catchers.

6. Coaches should place players in established positions and that extra players should play behind the baselines. (The rule reads at the edge of the grass; however, some infields extend much further than others).
  
7. Infielders are required to stay behind the infield arc until the ball is hit. It is the responsibility of the adult pitcher to make sure the fielders are behind the arc before he/she delivers the pitch. This is a safety issue that will not be ignored! See attached field diagram for arc dimensions (see attached diagram).
  
8. Run Rule – 5 runs max per inning per team or three outs. The scoreboard will be reset to 0-0 after each inning.
  
9. The batter/runner will be limited to one base on a ball in the infield and may attempt to take 2 bases on a ball untouched into the outfield. Please do not let the game get out of hand. Limiting hits to singles lets the players learn force plays and allowing hitters to attempt a double reward them for a good hit. If a player hits a slow roller that gets by the fielders keep it at a single. Only reward quality hits with double attempts.
  
10. Teams may use up to 4 coaches in the field on defense.
  
11. Coaches and current players can coach the bases (12U players and up). You can use a coach on 2<sup>nd</sup> base but they must be in a position well behind the base to avoid interfering with the defense.
  
12. For a hit to be considered fair, it must pass the diagonal “fair ball” line. See attached diagram for placement and dimensions. 12. Plays at Home: The runner must touch home plate before the ball passes over the batter’s box to be safe. The throw must be within the area of the batter boxes to be considered for a put out.

13. Warm up balls will be allowed to be used on the field between innings as long as determined reasonable by the coaches of both teams.

14. NO SWINGING BATS OR THROWING BALLS IN THE DUGOUT AREA!!! All players are expected to remain in the dugout area to keep the game moving. Visiting the concessions stand or family in the stands can be done after the game. Keep the games moving!!!!

14A. A players first offense of either throwing a helmet, bat or other object will result in a warning, a second offense will get a player ejected from the game and possible suspension afterwards pending league discussion.

15. Umpires will not be used. The managers will call the game. On close calls, if the managers do not agree, the away team will get the first call with the home team getting the next. Calls will rotate in this order for the entire game.

16. This division is totally instructional and should be played accordingly.

17. Facemasks and chin straps are required on all helmets. Helmets must be worn any time an offensive player is outside the dugout area. They should not be removed until the player enters the dugout.

18. If one team is short 4 or more players, borrow players from the other team to make the teams even. Managers can decide how to handle this situation.

18A. A general recommendation for all leagues was agreed upon to minimize 8U rosters to 8 players or less when possible.

19. There is no stealing in the Pony tail division.

20. Batters are not permitted to deliberately attempt to bunt.

21. All games end in ties!

22. Every game must be a min of 5 innings or min of 1:15 minutes.

24. **A team roster must be submitted to the CSFPS Board of directors by the elected date set. If a team does not submit a roster they will forfeit until the roster has been received and approved by CSFP.**

25. There will continue a ZERO tolerance policy for coaches, players and parents. Any player, coach or a parent using profanity or making derogatory comments will be ejected immediately from the field location.

25A. Coaches are reminded it is their responsibility to control themselves, their players, as well as their fans.

25.B The respective league representative will be notified immediately in the occurrence of any ejection and can be subject to ejections after home league discussion.

26. If a team doesn't show up to play the scheduled game, the team automatically forfeits. If that team did not provide sufficient notice to allow the home team to cancel the game. The team that does not show up will be under review of the CSFP Board of Directors.

**27. If a player hits a ball into the outfield, the batter and other established runners can continue to advance until the outfielder throws the ball towards the infield. At this point, the umpire will raise their arm, indicating the play is over, at which point any runner who has started to advance may continue to the next base. The runners can only advance to the base they started towards and cannot advance further on that play. The fielders may still attempt to make a play on the advancing runner.**

These rules were designed to make this division a safe and enjoyable game for the players. The safety of the players is our main concern. Please adhere to all rules listed and let the girls have fun while learning the game. They have many years of competitive ball ahead of them and do not need to be in a win/lose situation at this age. It is the responsibility of the managers to keep this division "instructional."

Rule interpretation issues should be directed to your home league representative.

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