



## **2025-2026 Playing Rules – 10 & Under**

*The 2025 TCSA 10 & Under softball season will be conducted in accordance with 2025 USA rules and policies with the following exceptions:*

1. The League-issued ball shall be eleven (11) inches in diameter of a type approved by USA for fastpitch play.
2. The pitching distance will be thirty-five (35) feet.
3. The distance between bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
4. Game time limit is one hour and 10 minutes (70 minutes), finish the inning. A new inning shall not be started after 70 minutes of play.
5. Games may end in a tie.
6. All players present shall be listed in the batting order. Any player who does not bat in their position for any reason other than illness/injury shall be called out. A player who misses an at bat because of illness/injury shall not return to play. A player called out for any other missed at bat shall return to play defense. The player shall be called out each time an at bat is missed.
7. Bat-slinging will not be allowed. A warning may or may not be issued by the umpire on the first incident in a game and further incidents of bat slinging by any player on the batting team will result in an out.
8. There will be nine (9) players allowed on defense. The outfield is defined as at least 10 feet behind the baseline.
9. All players not playing defense in an inning must be placed in a defensive position the following inning. Three (3) consecutive outs shall constitute an inning for this rule. A minimum number of players necessary to start and/or continue play are seven (7), but an out will be counted in the 8<sup>th</sup> position in the batting order. Players may be "picked up" from one age group lower if needed. Pick up players are allowed to play in the outfield only and will be listed last in the batting order. In the event that a team must



pick up 4 players, the 4<sup>th</sup> player will not be allowed to play pitcher, catcher, or first base. Pick up players must be in their league issued uniform.

10. The DP will not be used in local league play.
11. The offensive team shall remain at bat until they have scored six (6) runs or made three (3) outs.
12. The batter will become a runner if the catcher fails to catch a third strike before the ball touches the ground and there are:
  - a.) Fewer than two outs and first base is not occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - b.) Any time there are two outs.
13. Runners may steal as many bases on one pitch as possible, even home.
14. Run Rule: 12 run lead after 4 innings or 8 run lead after 5 innings.

