

Rules for All Age Groups (updated 8/2017)

Rules specified in this document apply to games within our Recreational Softball leagues only. Rules for our Select Softball teams and leagues are specified elsewhere.

General

1. FMYSA rules are in addition to current IFA/VTD and Mid-Cities Interlock rules.
2. If you need league assistance with a matter, please contact your age group director first. If they cannot resolve the matter, contact the V.P. of Recreational Softball.
3. For 8U and above: If any team forfeits more than 1 game for any reason, that team will not be allowed to participate in the End of Season tournament.
4. No player on an FMYSA recreational roster may also be on any select team roster during the scheduled recreational season. FMYSA recreational players are permitted to guest play on a select team, with permission of their recreational coach and the VP of Recreational Softball. If violations are found, the player will be removed from their recreational team with no refund and the team may be required to forfeit games played with the ineligible player.

Conduct & Behavior

1. Each FMYSA coach should remember that we are here for the enjoyment of the children. This is a developmental / recreational league, not a competitive league. Please communicate with the players in a positive, supportive manner.
2. Judgment calls by the umpires may appear unsatisfactory. Please do not argue with the umpires. This only delays the game and presents a bad image to the players and parents. The umpires have been instructed to warn any argumentative coach, player, or parent one time. After that, the umpire has the authority to remove said person from the game and/or park. Umpires will notify the league of all ejections.
3. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the players and parents on their team. Umpires may remove a coach if that coach can't control the behavior of their players and parents.
4. Discipline problems should be handled by removing the child from the activity or drill for an appropriate amount of time. The "time out" principle works well.
5. If a child is injured during a game and the coach/umpire believes the injury serious enough to stop play, he/she will do so. Coaches should attend to their players immediately. We suggest that every team have a first aid kit available. If the nature of the injury is serious enough, call 911. Contact the Field Director as soon as possible and document the injury.
6. A player's intentional collision with an opposing player (other than through sliding) will result in the immediate ejection of the offending player. Serious infractions may result in suspension from the league. Umpires will notify appropriate FMYSA administrative personnel in the event of any ejection.

Equipment

1. FMYSA requires that all pitchers in 8UK, 10UC, 10UK, 12U, and 15U wear a facemask during games and during practices with live hitting. All other positions at all age groups are encouraged to also wear facemasks.

Game Play

1. Please refer to the Mid-Cities Interlock rules for details.