**Madison Softball League Rules**

**All American Youth Sports rules apply except those amended in the Parks & Rec League Rules below. For all age groups protective masks are required for all infielders.**

**6U**

* Pitching
  + Coach Pitch for 3 pitches. Coach is allowed to pitch in front of the circle marked around the mound.
  + If the ball is not put in play after 3 pitches, batter will use a tee.
* Defense
  + One base is granted on overthrows. Umpire will call time out and grant one base to all runners if the ball travels past the first baseman.
* Batting
  + Roster batting
  + 5 Run Limit per inning.
* Games are 60 minutes long. The last inning will be completed unless the home team is winning.

**8U**

* Pitching
  + Coach Pitch for 3 swings or 5 pitches. Coach must start within the circle marked around the mound when pitching.
  + Additional pitches are allowed if the last pitch is hit foul.
* Defense
  + Time will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is returned to the player pitcher with at least one foot inside the pitcher’s circle.
* Batting
  + Roster Batting
  + 5 Run Limit per inning
* Game Rules
  + Games are 75 minutes long. The last inning will be completed unless the home team is winning.

**6U/8U Combined**

* In the event of the 6U and 8U Divisions are combined after the third strike on a 6U player the player will be allowed to hit from the tee.

**10U**

* Pitching
  + Kid pitch to each batter.
    - After 4 balls, the coach will come in to pitch. Coach must pitch from the rubber on the mound.
    - If the batter has less than two strikes the coach comes in for two pitches.
    - If the batter has two strikes, the coach comes in for two pitches or one swinging strike.
    - 3 strikes and the batter is out.
    - Additional pitches are allowed if the last pitch is hit foul
* Defense
  + 4 outfielders are allowed during the season, 3 are only allowed during All Stars. This allows more girls to play during the normal season.
  + Time will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is within the pitchers circle.
* Stealing
  + Runners can leave once the ball leaves the pitchers hand.
  + One base limit for stolen bases
* Batting
  + Roster batting
  + 5 Run Limit per inning.
* Dropped Third Strike
  + Only applies if a kid is pitching.
  + Players cannot run if first base is occupied.
  + Batter is allowed to run to first when occupied if there are two outs.
  + If bases are loaded with less than two outs, no dropped third strike.
* Game Rules
  + Games are 75 minutes long. The last inning will be completed unless the home team is winning.

**12/14U**

* Batting
  + Roster Batting
  + 7 Run Limit per inning.
* Dropped Third Strike is in effect.
  + Batter is allowed to run to first when occupied if there are two outs.
  + If bases are loaded with less than two outs, no dropped third strike.
* Game Rules
  + Games are 75 minutes long. The last inning will be completed unless the home team is winning.