

Huffman Sports Association League Rules

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6U Girls

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2. Playoff seeding will be based off win loss record of regular season games.
3. All games will have an **announcer (visiting team)** and a **scorekeeper (home team)**.
4. SCORE BOOKS ARE TO BE KEPT IN THE PRESS BOX DURING A GAME, NOT IN THE STANDS. **When the game is over, give scorebook to the Umpire.**
5. **THE UMPIRE AND MANAGERS ARE TO SIGN THE SCORE BOOK AFTER EACH GAME TO CONFIRM SCORE BOOK IS ACCURATE.**
6. **No Forfeits, play with what you have.**
7. **Only allowed 1 pickup player, both coaches shall agree on the player.**
8. **If agreed, pick up player shall play RIGHT FIELD and BAT LAST.**
9. 11" ball shall be used.
10. Run Rule 12 after 3, 10 after 4.
11. Bases will be at 60 feet. The first base shall have a double base.
12. 35' Pitching rubber.
13. Pitching circle 8' radius (16 feet diameter) rubber centered in circle.
14. **Each player must play on defense 3 outs (three consecutive outs in an inning) in any game played by his/her team.**
15. **Coach Pitch - 3 Pitches, if player does not hit the ball fair in them 3 pitches, they will get a maximum of 2 swings off the tee. If on the 2nd swing the ball is not hit in fair territory, player is out.**
(Coach Pitch Only - 5 Pitches or 3 Strikes in Tournament Play)
16. **1 hour and 10 minutes.** A maximum of only seven **(7) runs can be scored in each half inning**, except the sixth inning in District and/or State Tournament play. After the sixth inning, the seven (7) run maximum is in force for the remainder of the game. NOTE: Local Leagues may adopt this rule for league play.
17. **Ball off Tee ONLY:** An arc reaching from the first base line to the third (3rd) base line and measured ten feet (10') from the point of home plate toward the infield shall be drawn to determine when a ball is in play.

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18. If the bat is thrown out of the circle by the batter, said batter shall be called out. The entire bat must be out of the circle (the chalk will be considered part of the circle). Note: the ball must be hit fair.
19. Continuous Batting order.
20. No stealing.
21. **The catcher will wear full catching gear.**
22. Face Shield is highly recommended for infielders, MANDATORY FOR PITCHERS.
23. Infield fly rule is **not** in effect.
24. Overthrow to first - NO restrictions.
25. 10 defensive players in the field with six (6) infielders.
26. **Coaches must stay within an arm lengths distance from the dugout in/out opening and Players cannot be outside in front of the dugout during game play.**
27. There will be a maximum of four coaches on the field. Coach Pitcher, 1st Base coach, 3rd Base coach, Dugout Coach. **No defensive coaches on the field.**
28. Time out by the umpire cannot be called until the ball is in control of a player in the infield and in the judgement of the umpire, the play has come to a halt or stand-off.
29. With runners on base, a timeout will be called by the umpire after each play comes to a natural end.
30. If a runner has passed a base prior to the player pitcher gaining control of the ball in the designated pitching circle and does not stop, she may advance to the next base at her own risk.
31. The coach pitcher must remain off the field until time has called.
32. The coach pitcher must pitch from within the designated pitching circle with the coach pitcher's feet remaining in the designated pitching circle until the pitch is released.
NOTE: The coach pitcher does not have to pitch from the pitching rubber or at a half-way mark in the pitching circle. If one foot is within the circle and any part of the other foot is in contact with the chalk or paint outlining the circle when the pitch is released the coach will be considered in the circle. PENALTY: If the coach pitcher does not remain in the circle while delivering the pitch, a violation shall be called by the umpire with the defensive team having the option of taking the play or a called no pitch.
33. The coach pitcher shall exit the playing field behind the runner or away from the play on the field when the ball is hit into play to avoid interference. PENALTY: If the umpire determines interference on the coach pitcher, the batter shall be declared out and all runners shall return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. The coach pitcher shall be warned and a second occurrence in the game shall result in the removal of the coach pitcher from the mound to the dugout for the remainder of the game. The coach pitcher shall remain outside the playing area until the ball has been declared dead.
34. If the coach pitcher is hit by the ball, it is a dead ball and will be declared a no pitch.

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35. The coach pitcher may coach or position the batter only, prior to the delivery of a pitch. He/she cannot coach the baserunners. PENALTY: A warning will be given for the first offense, and he/she will be removed from the mound to the dugout for the remainder of the game on the second offense.
36. Each team is responsible for raking the field after the last game of the day. All trash will be picked up from the dugout. Violation of this rule could result in the violating team having to clean both dugouts and/or losing practice time on fields (3rd offense).
37. All protests must be made immediately to the chief umpire BEFORE THE SCORE BOOK IS SIGNED BY THE UMPIRE. MANAGERS THAT DO NOT SIGN SCOREBOOK ARE FORFEITING THE RIGHT TO PROTEST. UMPIRES TO RECORD PROTEST STATUS ON SCOREBOOK TO CONFIRM PROTEST PRIOR TO LEAVING THE FIELD. All protests will be given to the Huffman Sports Association Vice President.

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8U Softball

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2. Playoff seeding will be based off win loss record of regular season games.
3. All games will have an **announcer (visiting team)** and a **scorekeeper (home team)**.
4. SCORE BOOKS ARE TO BE KEPT IN THE PRESS BOX DURING A GAME, NOT IN THE STANDS. **When the game is over, give scorebook to the Umpire.**
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6. **No Forfeits, play with what you have.**
7. **Only allowed 1 pickup player, both coaches shall agree on the player.**
8. **If agreed, pick up player shall play RIGHT FIELD and BAT LAST.**
9. 11" ball shall be used.
10. Run Rule 12 after 3, 10 after 4.
11. Bases will be at 60 feet. The first base shall have a double base.
12. 35' Pitching rubber
13. Pitching circle 8' radius (16 feet diameter) rubber centered in circle.
14. **Each player must play on defense 3 outs (three consecutive outs in an inning) in any game played by his/her team.**
15. COACH PITCH ONLY – 5 Pitches or 3 Strikes.
16. **1 hour and 15 minutes.** A maximum of only seven (7) runs can be scored in each half inning, except the sixth inning in District and/or State Tournament play. After the sixth inning, the seven (7) run maximum is in force for the remainder of the game.
17. Face Shield is highly recommended for infielders, **MANDATORY FOR PITCHERS.**
18. Overthrow to first - No restrictions.
19. 10 defensive players in the field with six infielders.
20. No bunting/slapping.
21. Continuous Batting Order.
22. Infield fly rule is **not** in effect.
23. The dropped third strike rule is not in effect.
24. Baserunners shall not leave the base until ball is put in play, (Hit by batter). If so, that baserunner will be called out.

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25. Player pitcher must stand inside the pitching circle until ball is in play.
26. If the pitcher leaves the circle prior to the batter putting the ball into play and touches the ball; the ball is dead, and all base runners advance one (1) base.
27. Infielders must stay in what would be considered their natural position until the ball is batted.
28. Catcher will be squatted behind home plate in a direct line with the coach pitcher. The catcher will wear full catching gear.
29. **Coaches must stay within an arm lengths distance from the dugout in/out opening and Players cannot be outside in front of the dugout during game play.**
30. There will be a maximum of four coaches on the field. Coach Pitcher, 1st Base coach, 3rd Base coach, Dugout Coach. **No defensive coaches on the field.**
31. Time out by the umpire cannot be called until the ball is in control of a player in the infield and in the judgement of the umpire, the play has come to a halt or stand-off.
32. With runners on base, a timeout will be called by the umpire after each play comes to a natural end.
33. If a runner has passed a base prior to the player pitcher gaining control of the ball in the designated pitching circle and does not stop, she may advance to the next base at her own risk.
34. Runners that have left a base prior to the pitcher having control of the ball may continue to advance at the risk of being put out.
35. The coach pitcher must remain off the field until time has called.
36. The coach pitcher must pitch from within the designated pitching circle with the coach pitcher's feet remaining in the designated pitching circle until the pitch is released.
NOTE: The coach pitcher does not have to pitch from the pitching rubber or at a half-way mark in the pitching circle. If one foot is within the circle and any part of the other foot is in contact with the chalk or paint outlining the circle when the pitch is released the coach will be considered in the circle. PENALTY: If the coach pitcher does not remain in the circle while delivering the pitch, a violation shall be called by the umpire with the defensive team having the option of taking the play or a called no pitch.
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38. If the coach pitcher is hit by the ball, it is a dead ball and will be declared a no pitch.
39. The coach pitcher may coach or position the batter only, prior to the delivery of a pitch. He/she cannot coach the baserunners. PENALTY: A warning will be given for the first offense, and he/she will be removed from the mound to the dugout for the remainder of the game on the second offense.

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40. Each team is responsible for raking the field after the last game of the day. All trash will be picked up from the dugout. Violation of this rule could result in the violating team having to clean both dugouts and/or losing practice time on fields (3rd offense).
41. All protests must be made immediately to the chief umpire BEFORE THE SCORE BOOK IS SIGNED BY THE UMPIRE. MANAGERS THAT DO NOT SIGN SCOREBOOK ARE FORFEITING THE RIGHT TO PROTEST. UMPIRES TO RECORD PROTEST STATUS ON SCOREBOOK TO CONFIRM PROTEST PRIOR TO LEAVING THE FIELD. All protests will be given to the Huffman Sports Association Vice President.

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6. **No metal cleats.**
7. **No Forfeits, play with what you have.**
8. **Only allowed 1 pickup player, both coaches shall agree on the player.**
9. **If agreed, pick up player shall play RIGHT FIELD and BAT LAST.**
10. 11" ball shall be used.
11. Run Rule 12 after 3, 10 after 4.
12. Bases will be at 60 feet. The first base shall have a double base.
13. 35' Pitching rubber
14. Pitching circle 8' radius (16 feet diameter) rubber centered in circle.
15. **Each player must play on defense 3 outs (three consecutive outs in an inning) in any game played by his/her team.**
16. **1 hour and 20 minutes.** A maximum of only four **(4) runs can be scored in each half inning**, except the sixth inning in District and/or State Tournament play. After the sixth inning, the four (4) run maximum is in force for the remainder of the game.
17. Face Shield is highly recommended for infielders,
MANDATORY FOR PITCHERS & 3rd BASE PLAYERS.
18. Continuous batting order.
19. Bunting / Slapping is allowed.
20. No show bunt, then swing away is allowed.
21. Runner may steal **after** the ball reaches the plate.
22. Infield fly rule is in effect.
23. **The dropped third strike rule is NOT in effect.**
24. 10 defensive players in the field with six infielders.

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25. If a batter is hit by a pitcher, it is a dead ball and the batter is awarded 1st base.
26. An illegal pitch by the kid pitcher will be an automatic ball.
27. **Coaches must stay within an arm lengths distance from the dugout in/out opening and Players cannot be outside in front of the dugout during game play.**
28. 3 Coaches will be allowed on the field during the game. 1st Base coach, 3rd Base coach, and Bench Coach. **No defensive coaches on the field.**
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6. Governed by National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules affecting the game play except for the rules outlined below:
7. **No metal cleats.**
8. **No Forfeits, play with what you have.**
9. **Only allowed 1 pickup player, both coaches shall agree on the player.**
10. **If agreed, pick up player shall play RIGHT FIELD and BAT LAST.**
11. 12" ball shall be used.
12. A regulation game shall be **1 hour and 20 minutes** or six (6) innings unless the run rule applies (12 runs after (3) innings, 10 runs after (4) innings, 8 runs after (5) innings).
13. An inning will consist of (3) outs or four **(4) runs per half inning** for the first 3 innings. **Open inning for the 4th, 5th, and 6th innings.**
14. Bases will be at 60 feet. The first base shall have a double base.
15. 40' Pitching rubber
16. Pitching circle 8' radius (16 feet diameter) rubber centered in circle.
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18. Continuous batting order.
19. Stealing upon release of the ball.
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21. The dropped third strike rule is in effect.
22. 10 defensive players in the field.
23. **No show bunt, then swing away is allowed.**

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24. Face Shield is highly recommended for infielders,
MANDATORY FOR PITCHERS & 3rd BASE PLAYERS.
25. **Coaches must stay within an arm lengths distance from the dugout in/out opening and Players cannot be outside in front of the dugout during game play.**
26. Three coaches allowed on the field. 1st, 3rd Base coach, and Dugout Coach.
No defensive coaches on the field.
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6. Rules will be Governed by National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules affecting the game play except for the rules outlined below:
7. **Metal cleats are acceptable. Shall not wear metal cleats on portable pitching mound.**
8. **No Forfeits, play with what you have.**
9. **Only allowed 1 pickup player, both coaches shall agree on the player.**
10. **If agreed, pick up player shall play RIGHT FIELD and BAT LAST.**
11. Three coaches allowed on the field. 1st, 3rd Base coach, and Dugout Coach.
No defensive coaches on the field.
12. A regulation game shall be **1 hour and 30 minutes** or (7) innings unless the run rule applies (12 runs after (4) innings, 10 runs after (5) innings, 8 runs after (6) innings).
13. An inning will consist of (3) outs or four **(4) runs per half inning** for the first 3 innings.
Open innings for the remainder of the game.
14. **Coaches must stay within an arm lengths distance from the dugout in/out opening and Players cannot be outside in front of the dugout during game play.**
15. 12" ball shall be used.
16. Bases will be at 60 feet. The first base shall have a double base.
17. 43' Pitching rubber.
18. Pitching circle 8' radius (16 feet diameter) rubber centered in circle.
19. **Each player must play on defense 3 outs (three consecutive outs in an inning) in any game played by his/her team.**
20. Continuous batting order. (9 Player Batting Order in Tournament Play)
21. Stealing upon release of the ball.

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22. Infield fly rule is in effect.
23. The dropped third strike rule is in effect.
24. 9 defensive players in the field.
25. Face Shield is highly recommended for infielders,
MANDATORY FOR PITCHERS & 3rd BASE PLAYERS.
26. Each team is responsible for raking the field after the last game of the day. All trash will be picked up from the dugout. Violation of this rule could result in the violating team having to clean both dugouts and/or losing practice time on fields (3rd offense).
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Softball Playing Field Dimensions Chart

Age	Bases	Fences	Box	Rubber
6U	60'*	150'-180'	6' X 3'	35'
8U	60'	180'-200'	6' X 3'	35'
10U	60'	180'-200'	7' X 3'	35'
12U	60'	180'-200'	7' X 3'	40'
15U	60'	180'-200'	7' X 3'	43'
18U	60'	180'-200'	7' X 3'	43'

*State/League Option: 50' baselines may be used in 6U play.

Age	Innings	Run Rule	Batting
6U	5	12 after 3	No bunting
		10 after 4	No bunt/slap. Continuous - Bat the Line-up
8U	5	12 after 3	No bunt/slap.
		10 after 4	Continuous - Bat the Line-up
10U	6	12 after 3	No show bunt, hit-away.
		10 after 4	Continuous - Bat the Line-up
12U	6	12 after 3	No show bunt, hit-away.
		10 after 4	
		8 after 5	Continuous - Bat the Line-up
15U	7	12 after 4	
		10 after 5	9-player batting order.
		8 after 6	
18U	7	12 after 4	
		10 after 5	9-player batting order.
		8 after 6	