

La Vernia Little League

Softball Coach Pitch

Local Rules

- All players on the roster bat.
- Only nine defensive players allowed on the field.
- No earrings, watches, jewelry, or metal hair accessories allowed.
- Only 4 coaches allowed in the dugout.
- Two coaches allowed on the field during their team's defensive play, must be behind the infield players.
- During team's offensive play, coaches must be positioned at 1st and 3rd base, dugout, and one for pitching.
- There should be two circles of chalk on either side of the pitching coach. The pitcher must be in one of the circles before any pitch is made.
- Pitcher must wear a facemask.
- Pitching coach must pitch from the pitching plate. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Play is dead when a ball thrown from the outfield reaches the infield. All runners must stop at the nearest base to them.
- No one leaves the dugout/field without the managers/coaches permission.
- One Coach must remain in the dugout at all times.
- **3 outs or 5 runs completes each half inning.**
- No stealing.
- No extra bases on over throws.
- All balls returned by the catcher or other fielders to the pitching mound must be caught by the player pitcher.
- Sliding is allowed if there is an actual play at that base.
- No head first sliding is allowed!!! Result is an **OUT!**
- On deck batter must remain in the dugout.
- Each player must play at least 2 innings defensively.
- Each game will last 4 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever comes first.
- 3 strikes or no hit by the 6th pitch is an out. A foul ball on the 3rd strike or 6th pitch does allow the batter to continue batting.
- If the coach is hit with the batted ball the ball is a live ball.
- Runners must not leave their base until the ball is hit.
- Pitching coach will pitch to his/her own players.