

Northern KY Fast Pitch League

Instructional Division Rules – Machine Pitch 2nd/3rd Grades

ELIGIBILITY – Any girl attending school or living in Campbell County and currently in second or third grades can participate in the 2/3 division of the Campbell County Fast pitch Softball League, Inc.

1. Each player shall turn in a completed contract accompanied by a \$50.00 fee before they are allowed to play. If this fee poses a hardship to any family it should be brought to the attention of the division supervisor who should in turn bring it to the attention of the league director, who may in turn waive the fee.
2. Each girl must play at least one inning per game. Girls should be encouraged to play different positions throughout the year. Remember our focus is on each child learning every aspect of the game.
3. The games shall consist of five full innings or one hour and fifteen minutes, whichever comes first.
4. The manager, or coach, shall operate the machine. No player may operate, or even touch the machine at any time.
5. There shall be a maximum of five pitches to each batter after which they shall be called out. If a batter fouls the fifth pitch, she may continue to bat until she hits the next pitch in play, misses the next pitch or chooses not to swing. She is then considered out.
6. After a team scores 6 runs, or the defensive team gets three outs, or the entire roster bats, the other team bats.
7. Players run station to station, unless the batter has an extra base hit past the outfielders. Runners should not advance on errors, dropped balls and overthrows. The intent is not to expose the other team's weaknesses, however to reward a batter with a good hit.
8. The batting order shall be made out prior to the game and must include all players present. The batting order will stay the same throughout the game. Late players are added to the bottom of the order.
9. Bases are 55 feet. The machine should be placed at approximately 35 feet. The settings for the machine are:
10. The 11-inch softball will be used.

11. All batters and base runners must wear a batting helmet. The catcher must wear full gear.
12. Ten defensive players shall be in the field along with two coaches. It is up to the team if they want to play with a short fielder or 4 outfielders. However, if a short fielder is used, she should play alongside the base or behind 2nd base so girls are not crowding the infield.
13. If a coach physically assists a runner, the runner is out.
14. If a batter fouls a ball back, higher than her head, and it is caught by the catcher, it is an out.
15. At the end of the season each player that has played that year will get a participation award.
16. In the event of rain or cancellations there will be no make-up games. Teams may get together at a later date and make up a game on their practice night if they wish.
17. Absolutely no jewelry of any kind may be worn during the game.
18. The use of alcoholic beverages, profane language, or any other improper conduct on the field, on the bench, or in the stands will not be tolerated.
19. There is no protest or appeals in this division. If there are any issues, only the two head coaches will be able to discuss. Every attempt should be made to resolve any issues prior to the game beginning.
20. The Division Supervisor will be in charge of scheduling.
21. The league will supply batting helmets plus catcher's equipment.
22. No coolers of drinks will be permitted on any field having an open concession stand.

We would like to remind everyone that the purpose of this division is to teach the players to play the game of softball, therefore keeping score and who won should not be a primary concern.
HAVE FUN!!