

House League							
Division	U5	U8	U10	U13	U18		
Ball Size	Tball	11- Soft	11- Soft	11	12		
Baselines (feet)	40	40	40	55	60		
Pitching Rubber (feet)	25	25	30	38	40		
Game Start Time	6:00	6:00	7:00	G1: 6:00 G2: 7:35	6:00 7:35		
Latest Last Inning starts		:45	1:15	1:15	1:15		
Game Duration	N/A	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2		
Complete Game (innings)	3	4	4	5	7		
Official Game (innings)	N/A	N/A	2	3	4		
Inning Mercy (runs)	N/A	N/A	4	5	5		
Last Inning Mercy (runs)	N/A	N/A	Difference +1 or 5				
Game Mercy (runs @ complete innings)	N/A	N/A	>12 @ 3	>15 @ 4	>15 @ 4		
Pitcher Limits (out or innings)	N/A	N/A	6 or 2	9 or 3	12 or 4		
Defensive coaches on field	4	4	0	0	0		
Defensive Players*	All	11*	11***	10*	10*		
Dropped 3 rd Strike Rule in Effect	N/A	No	No	No	Yes		
Lead offs - ball leaves hand	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes		
Stealing Allowed**	No	No	No	Yes**	Yes		
Infield fly rule in effect	No	No	No	No	Yes		

Orleans Softball (OFA) Playing Rules

Notes:

Defensive and Offensive pitchers must wear face protection

U5 may rotate defensive positions after every 2 batters except for catchers who will catch complete inning.

U5 and U8 bat once thru the line up. Team to call out last batter and play stops when the ball reaches pitcher or catcher.

U8 is coach pitch and may use batting T after 5 pitches for the first 3 weeks. The last couple of weeks coach may allow a player to pitch an inning or a couple of players.

U10 player pitch to opposing team normal rules.

*if both teams have 10 or more players, 5 outfielders can be used to ensure maximum playing time.

No pre-game agreement is required but umpires must be notified.

**no stealing home U13

*** When a team has less than 8 players 2 coaches or 2 parents may play in the out field however a hit to the outfield in this case will be considered a ground ball even if caught so play continues as normal grounder with the ball being thrown to the infield.

Note: Coaches/umpires may exercise discretion regarding pitching distance if overall level of play is lacking at higher pitching distance

