

# PLANO SPORTS AUTHORITY GIRLS' FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

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## 2008 LEAGUE RULES -Kindergarten

Playing rules shall be governed by the PSA Softball Board

1. **AGES:** Kindergarten, Modified T Ball
2. **TEAM SIZE:** Thirteen (13) optimum, fifteen (15) maximum.
3. **DIMENSIONS:** Bases - 45 feet, Pitcher's Plate - 30 feet, Home Plate Circle - 5 foot radius, Pitcher's Circle - 4 foot radius
4. **GAME:** 5 Innings
5. **TIME LIMIT:** 60 Minutes
6. **PSA FIVE (5) RUN RULE:** In effect. (Inning End)
7. **OFFENSIVELY: (Modified T Ball)**
  - A. Continuous batting order of all players.
  - B. Players arriving after the umpire has started the game will be entered at the end of the batting order.
  - C. A substitute or "pinch" runner for an injured player will be the batter who made the last out.
  - D. Putting the ball into play.
    1. The coach will throw 3 pitches to the Batter .If the batter fails to get a hit After 3 pitches the tee will be brought Out for the player
    2. The umpire must say "PLAY BALL" before the batter is allowed to swing at the ball.
    3. The batter will then attempt to put the ball into play by hitting the ball off the tee.
    4. The plate umpire is responsible for removing the batting tee from the circle after a playable ball is hit.
  - E. Illegal Hits
    1. If the ball is not hit from the tee in five swings (whether foul or missed), the umpire shall declare a strike out unless the fifth swing results in a foul ball. In this case, the batter is entitled to one (and only one) additional swing. A miss or foul on this additional swing will result in the batter being declared out.
    2. The ball must travel beyond the five (5) foot circle around home plate to be a fair playable ball. If the ball remains inside the circle, it will be declared a foul. If any part of the ball is touching the circle, the ball is foul.
    3. A ball hit into foul territory is a foul ball and the batter will continue to bat.
    4. If the tee is knocked over as a result of the swing and no part of the ball has been touched, a foul ball will be called.
5. Any part of the ball may be hit to place the ball into play. The umpire's ruling is official and final.
8. **DEFENSIVELY:**
  - A. Ten (10) players in the field (4 outfielders).
  - B. Eight (8) players minimum to field a team. NOTE: The missing 9th & 10th batters are not scored as an automatic out.
  - C. All players must play in normal defensive positions. Infielders will be no closer than ten (10) feet in front of the baselines (imaginary lines which connect the bases) until the ball is hit off the tee. Outfielders will be no closer than ten (10) feet behind the baselines until the ball is hit off the tee.
  - D. Players must not "ROLL" or "BOWL" the ball in an effort to put out a base runner. Players must throw the ball in an "OVERHAND" manner. Failure to conform to this rule will result in the batter-runner/base runner being declared safe (all bases including home).
9. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Yes, including pitchers.
10. **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME:** See General Rules, Paragraph C.
11. **PSA BAT THROWING RULE:** In effect.
12. **PSA MALICIOUS CONDUCT RULE:** In effect.
13. **PSA RUN RULE:** Not in effect
14. **STRIKE ZONE:** Not applicable.
15. **BUNTING:** Not allowed
16. **INFIELD FLY RULE:** Not applicable.
17. **STOPPING OF PLAY:** If the pitcher has control of the ball inside the four (4) foot radius circle around the pitcher's plate or the catcher has control of the ball in the five (5) foot circle radius around home plate, play is stopped. All runners must return to last legally touched base.

NOTES:

  1. Half way to the next base does not constitute as being at the next base.
  2. Having one foot in the chalk defining the pitching circle will not constitute being within the circle.
18. **DROPPED THIRD STRIKE:** Not applicable.
19. **PITCHING:**
  - A. If the pitcher fields a hit ball while in contact with the pitcher's plate, then the ball is not

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dead until the pitcher has first broken contact with the pitcher's plate while making an attempt to put out the runner. If the pitcher holds the ball and remains in contact with the pitcher's plate while making no attempt to put out the runner, the umpire will declare the ball dead and award the runner first base and each base runner one base.

- B. The pitcher will not be permitted to tag first base or the batter/runner on a hit that she has fielded. Only a throw from the pitcher to the person at first base is acceptable.
  - C. If a batted ball travels as far as the front of the pitching circle, the pitcher **MUST** throw the ball to the catcher in an attempt to get a runner out at home. The pitcher can not run the ball home to tag the plate or runner.
20. **BASE STEALING:** Not allowed.
21. **ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW:** Only one base on a overthrow
22. **LEAGUE STANDINGS:** league standings are not kept for this age group. Each player will receive a Participation Award.
23. **BALL SIZE:** Eleven (10) inch "soft" - safety softball will be used in all games.
24. **ABBREVIATED GAMS:** In the event of inclement weather or darkness, a game will be ruled official if the losing team has batted at least three (3) complete innings. The score will revert to the last complete inning to determine the winner. If three (3) full innings have not been completed, the game will be declared a suspended game.
25. **COACHES ROLE:** Coaches maybe on the field as an instructor but must not interfere with the flow of the game.