

**NO sunflower seeds, chewing gum, tobacco or alcohol products.
NO bikes, hoover boards, scooters, roller blades, skateboards, etc.
NO metal spiked shoes of any kind allowed on the turf.**

Age Requirements

- For the 8U division, a child must not turn nine (9) prior to January 1, of the current calendar year.
- In the event a player's age is disputed, the player's parent or legal guardian will be required to present a birth certificate to the Kids, Incorporated office before the next date of play. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any games in which the player was listed on the roster.

Miscellaneous

- Elk City Draft Coach Pitch coaches may pick one assistant coach prior to the player draw.
 - Only the coach's children are allowed to be automatic players on the team prior to the draw.
- For insurance reasons, the dugouts are restricted to current team players and coaches with completed, up to date background checks. Absolutely no others will be allowed in the dugouts.
- If your team roster does not follow OK KIDS team formation rules, you will not be allowed to play in the regional qualifier tournament.

Required Equipment

- A batting helmet with ear protection is required for all batters.
- The catcher must also wear protective head and body gear at all times on the field.
- Bats can be a maximum of 33' in length and 33 oz in weight, with a maximum of -13.5 differential.
- A 9" regulation size baseball will be used.

Field

- The pitching rubber will be set at 42' from home plate.

The Game

All rules for OK Kids softball will be used with the following exceptions:

- All league games will consist of 5 innings, time limit (60 min), or the run rule. A timer will be used to keep the time and will be started by the umpire in charge of the game.
 - No new inning after 55 minutes.
 - Each game will last until all innings are played, or the designated time has expired or the run rule has been met.
 - Run Rule
 - 12 after 3

- The team must have seven (7) players to start the game. If a team loses a player to injury or illness during the course of the game, his position in the batting order will remain the same in the event he may return to the game.
- Only one (1) defensive coach will be allowed on the field at a time and must stay within five (5) feet of the dugout.

Batting

- All teams in Coach Pitch MUST bat their roster each game.
- In the Coach Pitch division, a player must not advance to first base when the catcher misses or drops the third strike and the other runners may not advance.
- A base runner must have one foot in contact with the base until the batter has made contact with the ball.
- The on-deck batter may warm up in the on-deck circle on the side of the field behind the batter for safety reasons.

Defense

- Coach Pitch may play ten (10) players on defense if both coaches agree.
- Defensive players removed from the game by the manager/coach may re-enter the game at any time, however, every attempt should be made to make these substitutions at the end of each inning. (LEAGUE PLAY ONLY)
- All players will remain in the batting order in the same order as when the game begins. There is no limit on the number of times a player may be removed and re-enter on defense.
- For safety precautions, all infielders must remain no more than 5 ft in front of the baseline prior to the ball crossing home plate.
- All outfielders must start at least 15 ft behind the baseline, until the ball is hit.

Pitching

- Each batter will receive five (5) pitches or three (3) swings, whichever comes first.
- There will be no walks in Coach pitch. The batter either hits or is out.
- If the fifth (5th) pitch is hit foul, the pitcher will pitch again until batter misses the pitch, hits the ball fair or fouls out to a defensive player in the game.
- The player/pitcher must start out at least even with the coach/pitcher
 - After the ball leaves the coach/pitcher's hand, the player/pitcher is free to move about
- The coach/pitcher must have one (1) foot in contact with the pitching rubber when the ball is released to the batter.
- The pitching coach must exit fair territory after the ball is hit and/or avoid contact.

Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be permitted on or off the field. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach, player, or spectator will result in ejection from the complex as determined by officials for the benefit of the complex and its guests. Any person ejected from a game or directed by any complex official to leave the complex who refuses to do so may be prosecuted for trespassing.

A complex official, including Kids, Incorporated staff (or designated representatives) along with our umpires, have the authority to eject any unsportsmanlike person from the complex. In the event the ejected party refuses to follow instructions and leave the complex, as instructed, after a second warning to leave has been issued, the complex official will forfeit the game and award the win to the opposing team.

It is the desire of Kids, Incorporated to always allow parents, players, coaches, and other fans to enjoy the games. With this in mind, ejecting a person from the game or complex is not our first choice. However, if removing the party from the complex will be in the best interest of the complex and its guests, such actions will be taken. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches, players, fans, umpires, or complex officials will not be permitted.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to the youth in our community. Please help us keep the parks clean. Be sure to pick up your trash and clean the dugouts after your game.

Thank you and have a GREAT SEASON!