

Sienna Plantation Softball Association

Spring 2020 6U Rules

The following rules will be in place for the 2020 Spring Season.

1. All players will play in the field in an assigned position. All players will bat in the game.
2. If a player is late, they will be assigned to the end of the batting lineup as soon as they arrive.
3. A team must have a minimum of 7 players to start an official game. If a team doesn't have 7 players to start the game, the team will have to forfeit the game. If you know ahead of time that won't have enough players, you may request the game be rescheduled to a week night.
4. Games will be 55 minutes long, no new inning will start after 50 minutes.
5. Filled positions should start in the infield and work to the outfield, including pitcher and catcher. As players arrive, they can be placed in the outfield.
6. Players should rotate positions as often as possible. Every player must play at least 1 inning in the infield.
7. There will be a max 5 run per half inning rule per team.
8. Outs will be counted.
9. Batters will get 5 pitches from the coach to hit. If they don't hit a fair ball in play in those 5 pitches, they will get 1 swing at the ball on the tee. If batter swings and misses ball on tee, batter is out. If batter swings and fouls ball on tee, they get one more swing. If they don't put that ball in play, batter is out.
10. At some point during the season, we will remove the tee and go to 5 pitches per player.
11. Bases will be 60' apart.
12. Pitchers mound will be approximately 35' from home plate with an 8' circle around it.
13. Once ball is thrown toward pitchers circle and once ball crosses into pitchers circle, ball is dead. Pitcher does not have to have control of ball. A fielder (non-pitcher) **cannot** kill play. For example, the second baseman cannot run ball in to pitchers circle to kill play. Ball must be given to or thrown toward the pitcher inside the circle to kill play.
14. A batted ball must go past the 6' line drawn in front of Home plate between the first and third baselines to be fair.
15. Runners can be put out on bases. Should a runner be put out on bases, they will be removed from the field.
16. Pitchers must make a throw to first baseman to complete an out. Pitcher cannot run to first for force out to complete out. Pitcher MAY run to home to make an out.
17. 3 Coaches are allowed on the field for defensive Coaching. Please remember any Coach on the field must have a background check on file with SPSA.
18. Defensive Coaches must stay outside of the base lines during live play. Between plays, Coaches can move around freely to Coach. Defensive Coaches may be anywhere on field as long as they are outside of baselines.
19. 3 Offensive Coaches are allowed on field. Batting team will provide a Coach (1 of 3 offensive coaches) to pitch to its players.
20. All offensive Coaches must stay in the grassy areas outside the baselines on the first and third base sides. Coach Pitcher must exit field immediately after ball is put in play. Should Coach not exit field immediately, batter can be awarded first base.

21. Home team is responsible for keeping scorebook and visiting team is responsible for providing coverage for scoreboard. Winning team should send an email after game with games final score to Daniel Purvis.
22. Lineups will be used and exchanged prior to games.
23. Tie games will be allowed.
24. No jewelry can be worn during games.
25. All batting helmets must have face mask.
26. Fielding Masks not required, but recommended. Masks are required for Pitchers.