

U11 Rules (2022) * Was U10 rules

• Base Lengths

Distance from home plate to pitching mount (35') * 30' in May and 35' in June!

Distance from home plate to 1st and 3rd base (45') * Now - 55' * more time

- Play for fun / Coaches are required to encourage fair play
- Coach on the defensive team should stand behind catch, near backstop.
- Pitcher is only allowed to pitch 2 innings per game 5 Inning Game.
- **NEW !!!** – Please use “BIG ORANGE PLATE” for home plate, this is to enlarge the batters strike zone, to encourage the batters to swing and will also allow the pitcher to throw more strikes.
- **No Walking – Hitting off the tee !!!**

1. Once the batter has received 4 balls in the count she will attempt to hit the ball off a batting tee. (A coach can positively reinforcement this to players by explaining that they were able to show the skill necessary to get a walk, they now get the great chance of getting an easy ball to hit off the tee.)
2. The batting tee will be placed in front of home plate by the coach of the hitting team. Once the ball is hit, the coach (of the hitting team) as unobtrusive as possible, will remove the tee and place it by the fence near the on-deck circle.

TEE PLACEMENT- Most Tees are made incorrectly, with the ball in the middle of the plate. The ball should be placed on the front of Homeplate, so the batters are hitting the ball out in front of the plate.

3. The batter will be provided with three attempts to hit a fair ball off the tee. A fair ball will consist of the following expectations:
 - a. The ball travels at least 10 feet. (umpires discretion. If he/she feels it is not 10 feet they will yell foul ball).
 - b. The hit is what would be considered a fair ball in a regular hitting situation (stays between the foul lines).
4. If not one of the batters three attempts is considered fair, as explained in rule 3, she will be called out after the third attempt. An attempt is considered any swing at the ball on the tee. Ex. Swing and a miss is an attempt, swing and hit the tee only is an attempt.
5. The pitcher is allowed to stand behind the mound (10 feet should suffice) during the Tee hitting, but can not come closer to home plate. This rule is to provide safety for the pitcher in the event that it is a powerful hitter at the plate.
6. The home team provides a batting tee, although it is a good idea for both teams to have one in the case of the original tee breaking.
(Applies to SEGS League and Play offs)

- **Teams will consist of 6 Players (Max 8)**, ideal team would have, pitcher, catcher & 4 infielders. Teams that have more than 6 players can bat through the rotation, but can only send up to 7 fielders out in the field (Catcher, Pitcher & 4 infielders + 1 Center Field).

- **Masks and Helmets are mandatory** – including parents, coaches and catchers on or off the diamond if catching for a pitcher.

- Highly Recommended that players in the infield wear face masks during SEGS play

- Batter may not run to 1st on **any** 3rd strike
- **NO STEALING** Runners are no longer allowed to steal bases in U11. We want to create more defensive play opportunities to develop the defensive side of the game.
- **NO RUNNING ON OVER THROWS** - To encourage defensive plays, the runner can not run on any overthrows. If the Batter connects for a solid hit into the out field, she is allowed to run around the bases until the defensive team returns the ball into the infield and the coaches should call to the runner to stop running. If the Hitter hits the ball in the infield, that player should be attempting to beat the throw to 1st base, she should not attempt to keep running to other bases. *This will encourage fielders to develop their throws to specific bases and make plays without being penalized for trying make a play. It will help teach the players some of the strategy involved at the defensive end of the game.*
- 11" outdoor ball is used
- 3 outs or 5 RUNS to end an inning
- no score
- Catcher masks are mandatory including parents, coaches and catchers on or off the diamond if catching for a pitcher.
- Please ask your team to arrive a minimum of 30 Minutes prior to game time. Game time starts at 6:30PM, ***No new inning started after 8:00pm. *If teams want an infield ... the home team will have access to the infield 25 minutes prior to the game, away team gets the infield 15 minutes prior to game time. (10 Minute Infield)*
- If an ump is not present, a parent ump volunteer may ump the game. It is at the umpire's discretion to determine if the game is over by weather and sunlight. Parent ump must have knowledge of the game and be provided with league rules

These are Southeast Girls Softball League rules. The SEGSL play off tournament will follow these rules.

If attending outside tournaments or provincials – please note those rules will be different.

Please Note:

The Steinbach Storm Classic will follow the same rules as provincials unless otherwise stated upon registration -- not the SEGSL rules.