

HUTCHINSON RECREATION COMMISSION
12 & Under Fast Pitch
Playing Rules

***Games will be played by the rules of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), except when in conflict with the following rules:**

1. Games will have a 71-minute playing time. No new inning will be started after 65 minutes has expired. Any inning already started shall be completed.
2. Game time is forfeit time. Each team must field 7 players at game time or forfeit.
3. The run rule will be 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5. There is a 5-run limit each inning. Once a team scores 6 runs or makes three outs, whichever comes first, their half of the inning is over. Any runs scored after the 5 **will not** be counted. Game will end when a team is winning by 6 runs and time has expired.
4. Field dimensions of 60-foot base paths and 40-foot pitching distance will be used.
5. For every game, each team must provide one good used approved balls and one new approved ball. The umpire will put these balls in play by rotation. This league will use a 12-inch, .47 core, optic (yellow) ball.
6. There is unlimited substitution, but coaches still need to check players in and out. **COACHES – YOU MUST BAT THE ROSTER!**
7. If a parent is causing problems, the umpire will ask the coach to warn them. If the problem continues, the parent will be asked to leave the ballpark, and/or the game will be forfeited.
8. A game in progress that is called due to weather will be official if 3 innings have been played (2 ½ if home team is ahead).
9. List Numbers on Starting Line-ups to Official Scorekeeper before the game.
10. **One inning of ITB (International Tie Breaker)**, will be used. After one inning, game will in a tie.
11. **Courtesy Runner** will be allowed for Catcher/Pitcher, last batter not on base
12. **Home Team will keep the Scorebook and are the Official Scorekeeper.**
13. **All games postponed due to inclement weather or other reasons will be announced on all local radio stations and posted at www.hutchrec.com by 4:15 p.m. game day.**

