

U9C Rules Softball BC 2026

Base Path – 45 Feet

Pitching Distance – 30 Feet

Ball – 11” indoor ball

Helmet – All batters will wear a helmet with cage and chin strap done up while at bat or on base.

Defensive Fast Mask – Mandatory for Pitchers

Substitutions – Unlimited defensive substitutions.

Coaches – Only Offensive and Defensive coaches are permitted to coach on the field and fair territory (dugout). Coaches must be registered and on the Team Registration form.

Players – Can play with 6 to 9 players on the field.

With smaller teams at this age, teams can play with less than 9 if they are short players.

If a player arrives late, they can be added to the bottom of the batting order.

Temporary Runner – A coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher or pitcher of record to prepare for the next inning when there are 2 outs.

Playing Time – No player is to sit more than 1 consecutive inning.

Regulation Game – A new inning will not start after 1 hr and 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.

Run Limit – Maximum 3 runs per half inning, for all innings of the game.

Coach Pitcher – 5 pitches, if they haven't hit after 5 pitches, they hit off a tee.

Batting – All players bat, all eligible players will appear on the batting order
(whether they are playing the field defensively or not)

No infield fly or dropped 3rd strike rule in effect.

Stealing – Base runner cannot steal bases; runner can only run when the batter makes contact. (no stealing) Base runners can practice taking jumps off the bases but cannot steal a base.

Sliding - is allowed

Slapping - is not allowed

Base Runner advancement – Following a fair hit ball, runners may only advance a maximum of 2 bases.

Wild Throw– Runners do not advance on a wild throw.

Dead Ball-Ball in Play – First base will not be awarded if hit by a pitch from a coach pitcher.

Score and standing will not be kept as emphasis is on player and team skill development.