

SOUTH CHEROKEE 2009 6u RULES

If a team has less than 6 and are waiting on a player. After the 15-minute grace period, failure to produce at least 6 players may result in a forfeit. A player may be "borrowed" only if she is currently a registered S.C.R.A. player in the same age division or younger. Both coaches must make a good will effort to play the game. **Any borrowed players are to play an outfield position and are to bat last and must be of legal age for the age group.**

11" SAF-T Ball softballs will be used for all games. Base paths: 60 feet. Pitching distance for pitcher-coach is as close as desired as long as it does not, in the umpire's judgment, interfere with defensive play. **Home team keeps the scoreboard; visiting team keeps the scorebook.**

Continuous batting will be used. All players bat. A player entering the game late may only be added to the bottom of that batting order. A player who is injured, becomes ill, or must leave a game for personal health reasons may be skipped one time in the batting order. If unable to take her place in the batting order the second time around, the girl will be removed from the order with no penalty to the team. If a girl is injured while a base runner and cannot continue, she is NOT OUT. A pinch runner will be allowed and will be the player who made the last out.

All players play defense. Girls should be positioned near normal positions rather than closer to the batter to give the girls sufficient reaction time to the hit ball. There will be a maximum of 5 players in the infield (1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, shortstop, and pitcher position). All other players must be in the outfield. No defensive player may cross the home plate arch until after the ball is batted. All players must remain behind the Pitcher Coach until after the ball is pitched. The home plate arch is 10 feet from home plate and any ball that does not cross the arch will be ruled as a foul ball.

Coaches will pitch to his/her players, and must not intentionally touch a live ball or otherwise interfere with defensive play. Violation of this rule may result in an out per the umpires judgement. A maximum of 7 pitches will be pitched to each batter. If a batter fails to hit any of these pitches into fair territory, the batter will be declared out. Excessive foul balls do not constitute an out; however, a foul ball on the 7th pitch is an out. (Foul balls do not entitle batter to extra pitches.) Only girls 4 years old and under may attempt to hit the last two pitches of each at bat off a tee. Infield fly rule is NOT in effect.

Two defensive coaches are allowed on the playing field to direct play (one in left field and one in right field). Offensive coaches should consist of only 1 pitcher, 1 coach on 1st base and 1 coach on 3rd base. Coaches are not allowed to touch a player until time is called or an injury occurs. An out may be called the umpire for violations.

All games will have a time limit of **1 hour 15 minutes, with a maximum of 6 innings. No new inning may begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes have elapsed.** If a new inning is begun prior to 1 hour and 10 minutes, that inning must be completed if the home team is behind, regardless of time limit.

Run limit: 6 runs per inning. Once 6 runs have been scored in an inning, sides should be switched regardless of number of outs.

Time will be called by the umpire to end play ONLY when the lead runner has been stopped, all base runners have stopped forward progress or if an injury occurs. The play does not stop if the ball is in the circle. Players may not call time out.

In the event of a tie at the end of the time limit, it shall be recorded as a regulation tie game UNLESS it is the last game of the day on that field, with a drop dead time limit of 2 hours (international tie breaker applies). Exception: tournaments and post-season games. A request to reschedule a game must be received by the commissioner 2 days prior to the scheduled game. If a game is called due to bad weather prior to 3 complete innings of play, the game will be replayed in its entirety regardless of run limit. Games will not be canceled due to weather prior to 4 p.m. Umpires will ensure that the game proceeds in a timely manner and that coaches do not use tactics that would make the clock a factor in the outcome of the game.

Infractions or questions about these rules should be directed to the park commissioner.

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[Extended Rules per ASA](#)