

**LOWCOUNTRY SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
8U, 10U, 12U and 15U Game By-Laws

**ALL GAMES WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE SCAP SOFTBALL RULE BOOK EXCEPT WHERE NOTED:**

1. All birth dates are as of April 30, 2025.
2. There will be a **75 minute time limit 8U** and **90 minute time limit for 10U, 12U, and 15U.** **No new inning may begin with less than 10 minutes.**
3. A 15 minute grace period for 6PM or earlier game, the game clock will start at the scheduled game time.
4. A team may begin a game with eight (8) players. If at game time a team has eight (8) players, they must begin the game. A game may NOT start or finish with less than eight (8) players.
5. The home team will keep the official book if an official scorekeeper is not provided.
6. All batting helmets must have a mask or cheek guard.
7. A continuous batting order will be used. If a player arrives late then they will be placed at the bottom of the batting order. If a player must leave they will be skipped in the order **without** penalty.
8. Free substitution on defense, all players must play six (6) outs on defense (complete game only). Any player being held out for disciplinary reasons must be reported to officials and opposing coach before the game starts. Teams not adhering to substitution rules face forfeiture of game(s) and suspension of coach.
9. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected from a game by the umpire must leave the area immediately or the game may be forfeited. **Anyone ejected will adhere to their departments ejection policies.**
10. Rainouts must be made up the next available playing date excluding Sundays. It is the responsibility of the home team to communicate make-up information to the visiting team. It is very important to make every attempt to play the week the game was rained out to avoid 3 game weeks and postponing the season.
11. A Pitcher may return as a pitcher one time after being removed as the pitcher. (1 pitch counts as an inning)
12. **10U Only:** After 4 walks/hit batters in an inning, offensive coach pitches remainder of inning, batter gets 5 pitches max. Ball and strikes will be called batter can't walk but can be called o nut on strikes.
13. **8U, 10U & 12U: 10 batters max or 3 outs, whichever comes first.**
13. **Tiebreaker (All):** International Tiebreaker for 1 inning. **If game is still tied after 1 inning, it ends in a tie.**

	<b><u>8U &amp; 10U</u></b>	<b><u>12U</u></b>	<b><u>15U</u></b>
<b>Ball Size</b>	11 inch	12 inch	12 inch
<b>Innings per Game</b>	5 innings	6 innings	6 innings
<b>Run Rule</b>	12 after 3, 10 after 4	12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5	12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5
<b>Players on Defense</b>	10	9	9
<b>Bunting</b>	8U No, 10U Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Dropped 3rd Strike</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Stealing</b>	8U – No 10U - After Ball Crosses Plate	On Release	On Release
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
<b>Pitchers</b>	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
<b>Metal Cleats</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Fielding Face Masks</b>	Required	Recommended	Recommended