

Shawano Youth League Girls (7-8) Rules 2018

Player Eligibility

1. Players cannot have reached the age 9 prior to Jan 1, 2018. No exceptions.

Game and Length

1. Home Team is second team listed on schedule. Home team is the official scorer.
2. Game will be 6 innings. 10 run rule after 5 innings or 15 run rule after 4 innings.
3. Time limit...No new inning may start after 1 hour 20 minutes has elapsed in the game. The official start time will be agreed upon by each coach at the start of the game.
4. In case of inclement weather 4 innings will constitute a complete game.
5. A game ending in a tie will result in the game being officially recorded as a tie in the standings.
6. Bunting is not allowed.
7. Four (4) run limit per inning or bat the roster limit or 3 outs. 6th inning there is NO RUN LIMIT!
8. Teams are allowed two (2) defensive coaches on the field to assist in explanation verbally and not physically. Base coaches are base umpires. Coach on pitchers mound becomes home plate umpire after pitch is put in play.

Pitching (MONTH OF MAY PITCHING MACHINE) (MONTH OF JUNE GIRLS ARE PITCHING) NO EXCEPTIONS

1. Batting teams coach pitches. A player acting as the pitcher must stay even with the pitchers rubber and within 5 ft to the left or right of the rubber and not be allowed to stand behind the coach.
2. The pitching coach cannot field the ball, but if the coach is hit by the ball the play is considered dead and declared a do-over.
3. Batter will receive 6 pitches (3 from the girl, 3 from the coach, if the girl throws strike she earns another pitch), unless he/she strikes out swinging. If the player is hit by pitch, player will take 1st base. (not a rolling pitch). If the batter receives 6 pitches and has not struck out the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the 6th pitch the batter will continue to receive pitches if they keep fouling the ball off. No runner may advance when the pitcher has control of the ball inside of a 10 foot radius of the pitching rubber. The pitcher is defined as: **A player not the coach pitching**

Substitutions

1. All players on the roster present will bat in the line-up, with late arrivals being added to the bottom of the line-up.
2. Free substitution is allowed in the field.
3. Maximum of 10 players in the field. Games may be played with 8 players with no penalty. If a player would get hurt you cannot finish with 7 players and the result would be a forfeit.
4. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field.

Base-runners

1. Sliding is required if a play is being made on a runner. It is the coach's judgment whether or not a play is being made and if sliding is necessary. A runner that does not slide when deemed necessary will be called out.
2. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher immediately following their at-bat. After the next pitch the option of a courtesy runner is gone. The runner must be the player whom made the last out.
3. Runners may advance only (1) one base on an overthrow even if a second overthrow occurs on an advancing runner the play is dead. If an overthrow ball leaves the playing field runners will get 1 base.
4. No head first sliding. You may however dive back to a base head first.
5. NO STEALING! NO LEADING OFF UNTIL BALL CROSSES THE PLATE!

Additional Rules

1. If a player is injured during an at-bat and cannot continue it is deemed an out. The next time that player would be up it is not an out if the player cannot continue.
2. Batting order must alter from game to game to allow everyone the chance to bat in the top 3 of the order.
3. 1st base, pitcher, and 3rd base are required to wear a facemask.
4. Outfield players must start on the outfield grass.

Month of May Machine Rules:

1. The pitching coach cannot field the ball, but if the coach is hit with the ball it is ruled dead and the batter will do the pitch over. If the ball hits the machine or bucket it will be ruled an automatic single, and only forced runners will advance.
2. Batter will receive 5 pitches, unless she strikes out swinging. If the batter receives 5 pitches and has not struck out the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch the batter will receive (2) two more pitches. If that pitch is fouled off the batter is out. No runner may advance when the pitcher has control of the ball inside of a 10 foot radius of the pitching rubber. The pitcher is defined as: **A player not the coach pitching**
3. Each game will start with 6 balls in a bucket at the pitching machine. Each team will provide two balls, with 2 new balls being used at the start of the night for both games that day.