

FIELD / PLAY RULES FOR 12U

1. The 12U division will follow PONY Rules with the following exceptions stated hereafter.
2. Each team will have only 10 players on the field.
3. All games must be played with a 12 inch yellow ball.
4. Teams must have 9 players to start a game but can finish with 8.
5. Pitching mound to home plate is to be 40 feet.
6. All pitches must start with one foot on the pitching rubber.
7. The pitcher must be pulled if she hits 3 batters in an inning or 4 batters in a game.
8. The mercy rule is as follows: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.
9. All games will be 6 innings or a 2-hour time limit.
10. Bunting is permitted at this age level.
11. Sliding is recommended on a close or forced play, this will be at the umpires discretion(No Head First Sliding).
12. Limit of 3 coaches (not including scorekeeper) and players only in the dugout.
13. Chatter cannot be directed at any individual player on the opposite team.
14. No metal spikes are permitted.
15. Player eligibility is based on the player's age as of January 1st of that calendar year.
16. Any player deemed to be injured will result in a dead ball, game is to be stopped and umpires discretion applies.
17. Good sportsmanship and conduct are required of all coaches, players and parents. Coaches are required to manage any parental misconduct.
18. The in field fly rule applies to these age groups.
19. If any player throws their bat both teams will receive a warning, Second offense by any player will result in an automatic out. The throwing other equipment, including gloves will not be tolerated.
20. When a catcher is on base with 2 outs, a courtesy runner must be used. The runner will be the player to make the last out unless it is the pitcher.