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Welcome to the Warren County Youth Softball Association's 2012 season!

This WCYSA season is dedicated to the late Makala Brumit, past President and long-time WCYSA Board member and community volunteer. Makala was truly committed to promoting positive experiences for young people, particularly through youth sports.

The WCYSA Board of Directors extends their appreciation to the many volunteers, sponsors, and Warren County Parks and Recreation Department for providing the WCYSA athletes a great environment in which to play softball.

The Board works diligently to provide everyone involved with the league a positive experience. Countless hours of planning and preparation are required every season to make each year more streamlined and successful than the last. Noted improvements in the past include bat racks in dugouts, batting cage nets, online registration, and the improved website (www.wcgirls.org) and automated call system, which have been wonderful tools to notify parents and coaches about schedule changes and league information.

The Board continues to be fiscally responsible with WCYSA funds so that improvements can be made to the league and county fields while still keeping registration fees low. The Board is excited about the positive changes that will be rolled out this year. Those will include new equipment, shade awnings, and an Opening Day Jamboree to kick off the spring season! Looking further ahead, the WCPRD will also be adding four new fields to the Buchanon Park Complex this fall.

Many thanks go out to all the coaches, team moms, and volunteers. These individuals have the important task and responsibility of developing not only the athletic skills of our youth but also to provide a positive influence in their lives. The Board is committed to fostering the game of youth softball in an enjoyable atmosphere, and welcomes all suggestions for improvement. Have a great season!

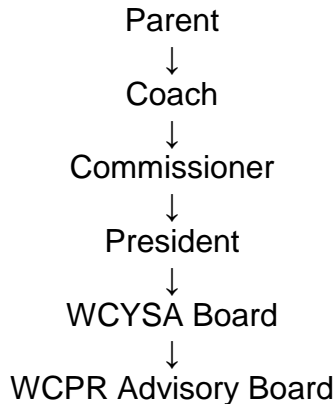
The WCYSA Board of Directors

**Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.
2012 Spring Board of Directors**

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You may contact us at wcysoftball@gmail.com, from our website www.wcgirls.org, or on our Facebook page

Chain of command for communication



Please be aware that the WCYSA is a volunteer organization, from Team Mom, to Coaches, to Board Members. All members of the organization welcome questions, comments, & suggestions with the intent of improving our league. Please be thoughtful of the time frame at which you place calls to your coaches, commissioners, and board members. **All forms of communication (telephone, text, email, etc.)** should be made before 8:00 p.m.

Warren County Parks and Recreation Department

Code of Ethics

Conduct of all coaches, supervisors, sponsors, participants, players, sports officials, parents and spectators.

Article I. A coach, supervisor, sponsor, participant, player, sports official, parent or spectator shall not:

- A. Curse (malicious or otherwise, verbally, written or electronically/e-mail communication or by physical gesture) another coach, supervisor, sponsor, participant, player, sports official, parent or spectator of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Program.
- B. Push, hit, strike or threaten (verbally, written or electronically/e-mail communication) a coach, supervisor, sponsor, participant, player, sports official, parent or spectator of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Program.
- C. Be drinking or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance while on park or school premises; before, during or after an event.
- D. Act in an irrational manner; make a public spectacle or nuisance of oneself before, during or after a scheduled event of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department while on park or school premises.
- E. Violate the rules and regulations of the activity or program they are involved.
- F. Any act that undermines league policy or procedures.
- G. Instigate with proof of two (2) witnesses an infraction listed in Rules A, B, C, D, E and F.
- H. Be dismissed from the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department or sponsoring league scheduled game or contest.

*When one violates Article I, D the League Board of Directors may implement the Zero Tolerance rule resulting in the child or children of the individual violating the rule being dismissed from the sponsored program for one year of the infraction. No Appeal.

Article II. Penalties

Violation of Rules: A

- A. First Offense
Dismissal from the sponsoring program for the remainder of the season and post season activities. Violation of the rule in the latter part of the program, twenty percent or less of the season or post season, the penalty shall carry over to the next season of the sponsoring program. No Appeal.
- B. Second Offense
Dismissal from the Warren County Parks for one (1) year.
- C. Third Offense
Permanent dismissal from all Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Program.

Violation of Rules: E, F, G

- A. First Offense
 - 1. Players, coaches, and umpires: Dismissal for three (3) weeks.
 - 2. Spectators: Dismissal from all Warren County Parks for one (1) month.
- B. Second Offense

Dismissal from Warren County Parks for one (1) year.
- C. Third Offense

Permanent dismissal from all Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Program activities.

Violation of Rules: B, C, D

- A. First Offense

Dismissal from Warren County Parks for one (1) year.
- B. Second Offense

Permanent dismissal from Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports program activities. If deemed necessary by Warren County Parks and Recreation Department or League Board of Directors, legal action may be taken against the individual violating the Code of Ethics.

Violation of Rule: H

- A. First Offense

Dismissed for one (1) game and one (1) week from the dismissal, no contact with the team until suspension is lifted.
- B. Second Offense

Dismissal from the sponsored program for the remainder of the season.

The Warren County Parks and Recreation or Warren County Girls Youth Softball will not be held responsible for any injuries.

**Constitution of the
Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.**

Article I – Name

The name of this league shall be the Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc. hereafter referred to as WCYSA.

Article II – Affiliation

The WCYSA will not be associated with any other organization. All teams will be sanctioned. The WCYSA will be an independent organization operated in conjunction with the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. Its affiliation will be with the Amateur Softball Association (ASA).

Article III – Objectives

The main objective of the WCYSA is to extend and foster the game of softball to the youth of Warren County, Kentucky, and to provide all participants with maximum fun and enjoyment.

Article IV – Governing Body

The WCYSA will be governed by a Board of Directors. Any questions concerning WCYSA policy will be decided upon by the Board of Directors based on these Constitutions and By-Laws, and the Division League Rules, or the official ASA rules. The head coach, assistant coach(es), team moms, officials, and participants will abide by these rules, and will follow a chain of commands in resolving any problems.

Article V – Eligibility

Section I – Age Divisions

4 year old division – All players must turn 4 years of age on or before May 1st of the current year. A player may only play in the 4 year old division one year.

6 & Under Coach Pitch – All players must be 6 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

8 & Under Coach Pitch – All players must be 8 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

10 & Under Slow Pitch – All players must be 10 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

12 & Under Slow Pitch – All players must be 12 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

14 & Under Slow Pitch – All players must be 14 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

16 & Under Slow Pitch – All players must be 16 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

18 & Under Slow Pitch – All players must be 18 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

10 & Under Fast Pitch – All players must be 10 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

12 & Under Fast Pitch – All players must be 12 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

14 & Under Fast Pitch – All players must be 14 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

16 & Under Fast Pitch – All players must be 16 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

18 & Under Fast Pitch – All players must be 18 years of age or younger on January 1st of the current year.

If a player wants to play in an older division, she/he may do so at her/his own risk, but she/he may not drop down to the regular age division in that same season.

Section II – Team Assignment

Team membership will be assigned in accordance with the following procedures. Disputes regarding team membership assignments will be settled exclusively by the Board of Directors.

A. Coach Pitch and Slow Pitch

After registration, applicants will be assigned to teams by the Board of Directors according to team assignment in spring of prior year and/or school district the player attends. Any special requests as to team assignment will be solely decided by the Board of Directors. If a parent and/or player are not satisfied with the assigned team and/or head coach, it will be solely up to the Board of Directors as to whether any changes will be made. Siblings in the same age division will be allowed to play on the same team.

B. Fast Pitch

Teams will be assigned by draft. All players must attend an evaluation session. Players wishing to pitch during the season must also be evaluated for pitching. Players will be ranked by the Board of Directors and/or their designees.

Head coaches will receive equal picks of each level of ranking. If any player is left unpicked, their name will be moved down to the next lower level ranking for picking.

Head coaches will be allowed to keep their child(children) on their team, however, that child(children) will count as that head coach's pick for that child's(children's) ranking level.

Players not advancing in age divisions will have the option to play for the team they played for the previous spring, but they must go back through evaluations and rankings.

Siblings will be allowed to play on the same team.

A ten (10) minute trading session will be allowed after the draft.

If a player and/or parent are not satisfied with the head coach that has picked her/him, it will be up to the Board of Directors as to whether any changes will be made or whether registration refund is given.

Article VI - Registration

The registration fee will be set by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis. The fee will be used for softball equipment, umpire fees, insurance, sanction fees and awards. Refunds will only be given due to extenuating circumstances, which will be solely decided by the WCYSA Board of Directors. (i.e. child moving out of county, injury, family crisis)

Article VII - Rosters

An official roster must be must be filed with the Board of Directors for each team by the deadlines set by the Board of Directors in your calendar of events and/or coach packet. Rosters will include the following information: player's name, address, phone number(s), birth date, league age, head coach name, address, phone number(s), assistant coach(es) name, address, phone number(s), and team mom(s) name, address, phone number(s).

4 year old teams will have a maximum of 8 players.

All other league teams will have a maximum of 12 players.

The Board of Directors must approve the addition of any new players before they are allowed to practice or play in a game.

Removal of a player from a roster may include only legitimate reasons such as the following:

1. Injury to a player which will prevent further participation during the season;
2. Illness of a player which will prevent further participation during the season;
3. A player voluntarily quits team or voluntary removal from team by parent;
4. A player moving to a residence outside of Warren County, Kentucky who does not wish to continue to participate;
5. Violation of team rules as approved by the Board of Directors;
6. Violation of Code of Ethics, Division League Rules, By-Laws and/or Constitutions.

No player will be permitted to play or be on the roster of more than one WCYSA team, (exception 18U will be permitted to play co-ed league). Any player found violating this rule will be dismissed from the team immediately.

Article VIII – Responsibilities of Head Coach

See WCYSA coach application (see Warren County Parks and Recreation Department and WCYSA)

Additions:

1. Head coach folder MUST be in the dugout during all practices and games.
2. Head coach MUST obtain and/or oversee the obtainment of the sponsorship fee for his/her team.

Coach Pitch	\$125.00
Slow Pitch	\$125.00
Fast Pitch	\$125.00

Article IX – Team Duties

All teams shall abide by the Division League Rules, ASA Rules, and/or Constitutions and By-Laws of the WCYSA. No team is permitted to reschedule its own game. All games will be rescheduled, by the superintendent of the Warren County Parks and relayed to the Board of Directors who will in turn relay to each head coach.

Article X – Conduct and Penalties

See Code of Ethics of the WCYSA and Parks and Recreation, Zero Tolerance, and Amended Directive are in effect. No tobacco products are allowed on the fields or dugouts. This applies to players and coaches.

Article XI – Playing Schedule

Will be determined by the number of teams in each age division.

Article XII – Protests

There is no right to protest in WCYSA event.

Article XIII – Forfeits

A game may be forfeited for any of the following reasons:

1. Violations of any rules pertaining to the number of players and grace periods necessary to start and complete a game as described herein above.
2. If a team or team member deliberately detains the progress of a game.
3. If a coach or spectator engages in an argument and/or refuses to continue a game.
4. If any player, coach, or spectator strikes, hits, pushes, or attempts any violent act against another team member, another team, umpire, league official, coach, recreation department official or member of the WCYSA Board of Directors.
5. A team does not meet the required minimum number of players.

Teams must have 6 or more players present to play a game.

**If a coach pitch team does not have a catcher, retrieving the balls is the responsibility of the umpire, but he/she is not allowed to make a play.

Article XIV – Umpires

All umpires will be trained by the Umpire-in-Chief of the association. Umpires will be assigned to games by the Umpire-in-Chief. To question the ability of an umpire, a petition must be signed by a head coach and must be presented to the Board of Directors of they WCYSA, and an investigation will be made concerning said umpire.

Article XV – WCYSA Tournament

There will be a WCYSA league tournament for all age divisions except 4U & 6U. A player must be on a WCYSA roster in order to play in the WCYSA league tournament. Complete season participation is required in order to participate in the WCYSA league tournament.

Article XVI – Qualifications and Selection of a Coach

The coaching of youth sports is a total psychological experience for the adult. Every effort that is put forth will, in some way, have an effect on each player. Therefore, it is of great importance that an adult desiring to be a coach fully understands the complexity of coaching a team.

A coach is not a figurehead who stands out on the field and yells at his/her players to do things. A coach is the adult who figures into the entire team organization. A coach provides the guiding and teaching influence which enables a player to learn the proper fundamentals of the game of softball. A coach is a person who shows and explains the “why” or “why not” in order to generate understanding and confidence among his/her players. A coach is a person who can teach his/her players how to handle winning, losing, and yet point out that there is a victory even though the score does not reflect it. These characteristics and more combine to make the kind of coach that the WCYSA desires.

Coaching also requires a thorough knowledge of the game of softball. A coach should be knowledgeable of the proper techniques for playing various fielding positions and the proper techniques of hitting, running and other basic offensive and defensive strategies. The coach should also be as knowledgeable of the rules, constitutions and by-laws, and agree to abide by them. The Board of Directors encourages all interested individuals, who feel competent enough to handle the challenge, to become a coach or volunteer their time for the benefit of the youth of Warren County, Kentucky.

WCYSA reserves the right to interview prospective coaches during the coach selection process. No person with a felony conviction will be allowed to coach or assist in any aspect of this league.

All persons selected to coach by the WCYSA must be approved by the Warren County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. All decisions are final.

All coaches and team moms will undergo a criminal background check and complete all required training courses as outlined by WCYSA.

If a person has coached a team in a previous year, he/she is not guaranteed to coach in any upcoming season(s).

Please remember that no one is allowed in the dugout during practices or games unless they have a current and approved application on file with the WCYSA and the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department.

Article XVII – Postponement of a game

Postponement of games may occur under the following conditions:

1. Field unfit for play.
2. Inclement or threatening weather.
3. Schools award ceremony or graduation.
4. Circumstances which are not conducive to league play as judged by WCYSA Board of Directors or the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department.

When a game is postponed, the Division League Commissioner will notify all head coaches by telephone or email (as decided by commissioner) of the rescheduling.

Article XVIII – By-Laws

Each team will be furnished with the playing rules for their age division. A copy will be available for each parent.

Article XIX – Dismissal of Coach

A coach may be dismissed by the Board of Directors. A coach who gives unsatisfactory service, who violates any rule in the handbook, or who is in violation of the Code of Ethics for the WCYSA and/or Warren County Parks and Recreation may be dismissed. A hearing before the WCYSA Board of Directors will be conducted concerning the charges against the coach. The coach involved will be notified of the result of the hearing within 48 hours.

If a group of individuals would like to recommend the removal of a coach, they may do so by presenting a letter to the Parent Representative of the WCYSA stating the allegations for dismissal and signatures of 65% of the parents of the participating players. This letter will lead to an investigation by the Board of Directors. All parties will be notified of the Boards' findings.

Article XX - Appeal

Any person ejected from a WCYSA event may file a written appeal, within 48 hours of the ejection, with the President of the WCYSA Board of Directors. Upon receipt by the President, the board will review the appeal. The person will be notified of the results of the Boards' review.

Failure to file a timely written appeal results in acceptance of the penalties set forth in the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department Code of Ethics.

Article XXI – Insurance Coverage

The WCYSA insurance program is designed to offer supplemental insurance coverage. It may be used to supplement after insurance carried under a family policy or policy provided by the parents' employer. If a child is not covered by family/employer insurance, WCYSA insurance which is purchased by the WCYSA and not the parent takes over and provides benefits for all covered injury treatment and costs up to the maximum stated benefits. There is a \$250 deductible that they player/parent will be responsible for. The WCYSA will insure the head coach, two assistant coaches, and one team mom.

Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.
By-Laws

(ALL Coach Pitch games will be run in accordance with their League Rules unless otherwise noted in these By-Laws)

1. All games will be scheduled by the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Board of Directors and game officials.
2. There will be a ten (10) minute grace period for the start of the first game of the day during regular season play.
3. Coach Pitch -- 4 & Under -- A regulation game will be one (1) hour or six (6) innings, whichever comes first.
6 & Under -- A regulation game will be one (1) hour or six (6) innings, whichever comes first.
8 & Under -- A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or 1 hour 15 minutes, whichever comes first.

Slow Pitch – A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour fifteen(15) minutes, whichever comes first. A game will be called by the game official if, after the 4th inning a team is ahead by 15 runs or ahead by 10 runs after the 5th inning.
Fast Pitch – A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour thirty (30) minutes, whichever comes first. A game will be called by the game official if, after the 3rd inning a team is ahead by 15 runs , after the 4th inning by 12 runs or ahead by 8 runs after the 5th inning.
4. There will be no infield warm ups taken before a game.
5. Lineups must be presented to the scorekeeper ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start of each game.
6. In regular season play, the home team will be the team listed last on the schedule. The home team is responsible for providing a new ball to begin the game. Visiting team is to supply a good back-up ball.
7. Schedules will be issued five (5) days prior to the start of the season to each team that has fulfilled all requirements of the Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc. and the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. There will be no changes or alteration unless a three (3) day notice is given to the Board of Directors President.
8. Players must hustle on and off the field. A player who does not hustle will be warned to get moving by the game official. If the player continues to show a lack of hustle, and delays the game, she/he will be dismissed from the game.
9. Dugouts shall be kept clean at all times. Teams exiting the dugout must place any trash in the proper trash receptacle and make sure no personal items are left behind.
10. The Head Coach shall be responsible for receiving, collecting, and turning in all team equipment at the start and finish of the season.
11. Each player will play a minimum of two (2) innings per game.
12. A female “team mom” must be in the dugout at all times during practices and games.
13. All coaches and team moms must have an approved application, for the current year, on file with the Board of Directors of the Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.
14. Head coaches must be at least 21 years of age. Assistant coaches must be at least 18 years of age.
15. In the event a game is cancelled due to inclement weather, the head coach will receive notification of reschedule game time/place.

16. Coach Pitch and Slow Pitch catcher MUST wear regulation issued catcher equipment (helmet and chest guard). THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. Fast Pitch catcher MUST wear regulation issued catcher equipment (helmet, chest, and shin guards). THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.
17. Coach Pitch and Slow Pitch players MUST wear batting helmets with a chin strap. Fast Pitch player MUST wear batting helmets with a chin strap AND face guard.
18. No coach may date a member of his/her ball team while serving in said position.
19. Pitching Distances:

<u>Coach Pitch</u>		<u>Slow Pitch</u>	<u>Fast Pitch</u>
4 year olds	as needed	10 & U 40 ft	10 & U 35 ft
6 & U	as needed	12 & U 46 ft	12 & U 40 ft
8 & U	as needed	14 & U 50 ft	14 & U 40 ft
		16 & U 50 ft	16 & U 40 ft
		18 & U 50 ft	18 & U 40 ft

20. Runs Scored:

<u>Coach Pitch</u>		<u>Slow Pitch</u>	<u>Fast Pitch</u>
4 year olds	no score kept	10 & U 5 runs/3 outs	10 & U 5 runs/3 outs
6 & U	no score kept	12 & U 7 runs/3 outs	12 & U 7 runs/3 outs
8 & U	5 runs/3 outs	14 & U 7 runs/3 outs	14 & U 7 runs/3 outs
		16 & U 7 runs/3 outs	16 & U 7 runs/3 outs
		18 & U 7 runs/3 outs	18 & U 7 runs/3 outs

21. All Bats MUST say official softball, except 4U and 6U. Tee ball bat (not baseball bat) may be used in the 4U & 6U.
22. No one except approved coaches and team moms (approved application on file with the WCYSA) are allowed on the field or in the dugout during practices and/or games. A minimum of two (2) coaches and/or team moms must be in attendance during practices and/or games.
23. The league will furnish all softballs.
24. Forfeits will only be allowed as provided in the Constitutions of the Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc. Article XIII.
25. A late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to the registration fee if the application is received after the registration cutoff date specified on the application.
26. The WCYSA Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules **CANNOT** be repealed, changed, or amended **without approval of the Board of Directors.**
27. All advertisements, sponsors, sponsorship logos and/or names, brand, and/or team names shall be appropriated for the WCYSA and are Subject to approval or rejection of the WCYSA Board of Directors.
28. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.

4 year old Division League Rules

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot (closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be no infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by only one (1) umpire.
6. A regulation game will be six (6) innings or one (1) hour of play. No new inning will start with less than **five (5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie".
7. Stealing of bases is not allowed. A base runner may not leave their base until the pitched ball is hit by the batter. Any base runner violating this rule will be called out.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. Only official softball bats are allowed. T-ball bats may be used for smaller players at the umpire's discretion. Baseball bats are not allowed.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will not be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will be allowed to call "time". The player calling time must have control of the ball and be within the infield. While holding the ball, she will call "TIME!"
14. There will be no half-way lines between bases. Positions of runners will be based on the motion of the lead runner. When the lead runner has stopped, the umpire will assign bases of all following runners. Assignment will be based solely on the umpire's judgment.
15. Each batter will get three (3) pitches to hit. If the batter is unsuccessful in hitting one (1) of the three (3) pitches, she will be allowed two (2) additional swings at the ball on the batting tee. If the batter is unable to hit the ball off the tee in two (2) attempts, she will be called out.
16. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
17. The coach responsible for pitching will be allowed to stand as close as necessary to the batter. The pitching coach will be allowed to coach the batter or runner PRIOR to pitching the ball. After release of the ball, the pitching coach must remain silent (Do Not Say GO, RUN, etc). Pitching coach MUST retrieve the bat and tee and move to foul territory as to not interfere with the play. 1st infraction – warning; 2nd infraction – batter will be called out.
18. All players on the team will take the field. Infield will consist of the following: 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitching circle and catcher. All other players will go to the outfield i.e. left field, right field, right center field, left center field. All extra players should be placed in between regular outfield positions. Please see diagrams.
19. Each team will bat through a complete standing batting order every inning.
20. Each one-half (1/2) inning consists of a team batting through its complete standing batting order.
21. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
22. Two coaches will be allowed on the field while the team is playing defense. Coaches should not interfere with fielders or runners.
23. During offense, a coach will be allowed on the field to assist the batter in getting ready.
24. A foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
25. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
26. The 4U league will use a 10" softie ball.
27. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.

6 & Under Division League Rules

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot(closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be no infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by only one (1) umpire.
6. A regulation game will be six (6) innings or one (1) hour of play. No new inning will start with less than **five (5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie".
7. Stealing of bases is not allowed. A base runner may not leave their base until the pitched ball is hit by the batter. Any base runner violating this rule will be called out.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. Only official softball bats are allowed. T-ball bats may be used for smaller players at the umpire's discretion. Baseball bats are not allowed.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will not be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will be not be allowed to call "time".
14. There will be no half-way lines between bases. Positions of runners will be based on the motion of the lead runner. When the lead runner has stopped, the umpire will assign bases of all following runners. Assignment will be based solely on the umpire's judgement.
15. Each batter will get five (5) pitches. Foul balls/tips do count as a pitch. A player must hit fair within five (5) pitches or she/he will be called out.
16. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
17. The coach responsible for pitching will be allowed to stand as close as necessary to the batter. The pitching coach will be allowed to coach the batter or runner PRIOR to pitching the ball. After release of the ball, the pitching coach must remain silent (Do Not Say GO, RUN, etc). Pitching coach MUST retrieve the bat and move to foul territory as to not interfere with the play. 1st infraction – warning; 2nd infraction – batter will be called out.
18. All players on the team will take the field. Infield will consist of the following: 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitching circle and catcher. All other players will go to the outfield i.e. left field, right field, right center field, left center field. All extra players should be placed in between regular outfield positions. Please see diagrams.
19. Each team will bat through a complete standing batting order every inning.
20. Each one-half (1/2) inning consists of a team batting through it's complete standing batting order.
21. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
22. Two coaches will be allowed on the field while the team is playing defense. Coaches should not interfere with fielders or runners.
23. During offense, a coach will be allowed on the field to assist the batter in getting ready.
24. A foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
25. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
26. The 6U league will use an 11"/44core ball.
27. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

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8 & Under Division League Rules

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot(closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be no infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by only two (2) umpires.
6. A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes of play. No new inning will start with less than **five(5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie". This will not apply to tournament games.
7. Stealing of bases is not allowed. A base runner may not leave their base until the pitched ball is hit by the batter. Any base runner violating this rule will be called out.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. Only official softball bats are allowed. T-ball bats may be used for smaller players at the umpire's discretion. Baseball bats are not allowed.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will not be allowed to call "time".
14. There will be no half-way lines between bases. Positions of runners will be based on the motion of the lead runner. When the lead runner has stopped, the umpire will assign bases of all following runners. Assignment will be based solely on the umpire's judgment.
15. Each batter will get three (3) strikes or five (5) pitches. Foul balls/tips do not count as a strike, but do count as a pitch. A player must hit fair within five (5) pitches or she/he will be called out.
16. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
17. The coach responsible for pitching will be allowed to stand as close as necessary to the batter. The pitching coach will be allowed to coach the batter or runner PRIOR to pitching the ball. After release of the ball, the pitching coach must remain silent (Do Not Say GO, RUN, etc). Pitching coach MUST retrieve the bat and move to foul territory as to not interfere with the play. 1st infraction – warning; 2nd infraction – batter will be called out.
18. All players on the team will take the field. Infield will consist of the following: 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitching circle and catcher. All other players will go to the outfield i.e. left field, right field, right center field, left center field. All extra players should be placed in between regular outfield positions. Please see diagrams.
19. All teams are to use a standing batting order with all players batting, subject to the five (5) run, three (3) out rule.
20. Each one-half (1/2) inning will consist of five (5) runs or three (3) outs; whichever comes first.
21. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
22. One coach will be allowed outside the dugout during the game provided they stay within arms length of the dugout and do not interfere with the game.
23. During offense, a coach will be allowed to assist the batter in getting ready.
24. A foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
25. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
26. The 8U league will use an 11"/47core ball.
27. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.
Slow Pitch Division League Rules (All age divisions)

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot(closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be an infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by only two (2) umpires.
6. A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and fifteen (15)minutes of play. No new inning will start with less than **five(5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie". This will not apply to tournament games.
7. Stealing of bases is not allowed. A base runner may not leave their base until the pitched ball is hit by the batter. Any base runner violating this rule will be called out.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. Only official softball bats are allowed. Baseball bats are not allowed.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will not be allowed to call "time".
14. Each batter will get three (3) strikes or four (4) balls. Foul balls/tips do count as a strike.
15. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
16. Ten players on the team will take the field. Infield will consist of 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher and catcher. Outfield will consist of left field, right field, right center field, and left center field. Please see diagrams.
17. All teams are to use a standing batting order with all players batting, subject to the five (5) run for 10U/seven (7) run for 12U & up, three (3) out rule.
18. Each one-half (1/2) inning will consist of five (5) runs for 10U/seven (7) runs for 12U & up or three (3) outs; whichever comes first.
19. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
20. One coach will be allowed outside the dugout during the game provided they stay within arms length of the dugout and do not interfere with the game.
21. A foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
22. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
23. All slow pitch leagues will use an 11"/44 core ball.
24. The ball must be pitched with a perceptible arch which exceeds the height of the pitcher. All other pitched balls will be ruled illegal by the game official.
25. All games will be played according to the current ASA Rule Book unless otherwise amended by these League Rules.
26. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

Warren County Youth Softball Association, Inc.
Fast Pitch Division League Rules
10 & Under and 12 & Under

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps and face guards are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet with face guard and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot (closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask, shin guards and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be an infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by two (2) umpires.
6. A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes of play. No new inning will start with less than **five (5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie". This will not apply to tournament games.
7. **A. In the 10U league, a player is not allowed to steal more than one base at a time but is allowed to steal first base on a dropped third strike. Base runners may not leave their base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand on the delivery. Any base runner violating this rule will be called out.**
B. In the 12U league, stealing of bases is allowed as per ASA rules.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. All bats must say Official Fast Pitch Softball, have the ASA logo on it and be approved for play in the current year by ASA. Baseball bats are not allowed. The ASA website – www.asasoftball.com has the complete list of approved bats.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will not be allowed to call "time".
14. Each batter will get three (3) strikes or four (4) balls. Foul balls/tips do not count as a strike on the third strike.
15. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
16. **A. 10U - During regular season games, ten (10) players may take the field. Infield will consist of 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher and catcher. Outfield will consist of left field, left center field, right center field, and right field. Prior to each game, the opposing coaches and umpires may agree to play additional outfielders (more than 4) in the grass. Please see diagrams.**
B. 12U – Nine players will take the field. Infield will consist of 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher and catcher. Outfield will consist of left field, center field, and right field. Please see diagrams.
17. All teams are to use a standing batting order with all players batting, subject to the five (5) run for 10U/seven (7) run for 12U &, three (3) out rule.
18. Each one-half (1/2) inning will consist of five (5) runs for 10U/ seven (7) runs for 12U or three (3) outs; whichever comes first.
19. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
20. One coach will be allowed outside the dugout during the game provided they stay within arms length of the dugout and do not interfere with the game.
21. A third strike foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
22. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
23. The 10U league will use an 11³/₄ core softball and the 12U league will use a 12³/₄ core softball.
24. Pitchers are not allowed to pitch more than five (5) innings per week (Monday – Sunday) with the exception of make up games being scheduled in a week. If a girl pitches in any portion of an inning (even one pitch to one batter), it constitutes an inning pitched. If a pitcher is found to have pitched more than five (5) innings in a calendar week, the game in which the exceeded innings were pitched will be considered a forfeit. NOTE: Any and all players who have been evaluated for pitching are eligible to be utilized as a pitcher during the season.
25. All games will be played according to the current ASA Rule Book unless otherwise amended by these League Rules.
26. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

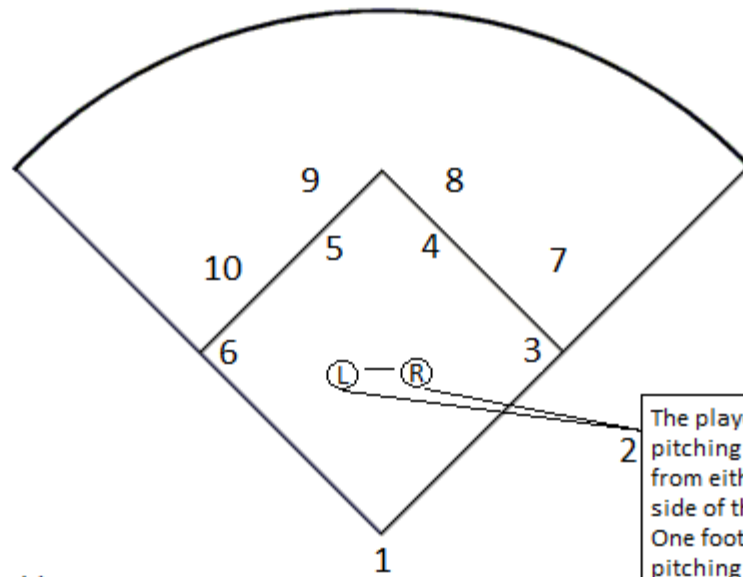
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Fast Pitch Division League Rules 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under

First, and foremost, these are instructional leagues. Every effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of softball and develop every athlete based on their level of experience and ability.

1. **A female team mom must be in the dugout at all times during games and practices.**
2. For the safety of all players, **helmets with chinstraps and face guards are mandatory. Each player is required to provide their own helmet with face guard and chinstrap.** Should a batter attempt to bat without a chinstrap, the umpire will issue a warning to the head coach. Any subsequent batters occupying the batter's box without a chinstrap will be called out. It is the player's responsibility to provide their own chinstrap. All players and coaches shall wear shoes that cover the entire foot(closed toe, closed heel). No sandals. **Metal cleats are NOT allowed.**
3. **All catchers must wear regulation helmet, mask, shin guards and chest protector** as provided by the WCYSA.
4. There will be an infield fly rule.
5. The games will be officiated by two (2) umpires.
6. A regulation game will be seven (7) innings or one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes of play. No new inning will start with less than **five (5)** minutes to go in the game. The game will end after the home team bats. There will be no partial innings. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, the game will be called a "tie". This will not apply to tournament games.
7. Stealing of bases is allowed as per ASA rules.
8. Batter is not allowed to throw the bat after swinging/hitting. One warning will be given to each batter. Player will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
9. All bats must say Official Fast Pitch Softball, have the ASA logo on it and be approved for play in the current year by ASA. Baseball bats are not allowed. The ASA website – www.asasoftball.com has the complete list of approved bats.
10. Rules of forfeiture shall be followed as outlined in the WCYSA Constitution and By-Laws.
11. The score will be kept on the scoreboard.
12. If a batter bats out of order, it will be the responsibility of the coach on the opposing team to catch the mistake. The coach must bring it to the attention of the game official after the player bats, but before the next batter. This will be an automatic out if the official deems that the batter did bat out of the line up order.
13. Players will not be allowed to call "time".
14. Each batter will get three (3) strikes or four (4) balls. Foul balls/tips do not count as a strike on the third strike.
15. All players must play in their designated positions. Foul lines will be chalked. Obstruction and interference will be a judgment call of the umpire.
16. Nine players on the team will take the field. Infield will consist of 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base, pitcher and catcher. Outfield will consist of left field, right field, and center field. Please see diagrams.
17. All teams are to use a standing batting order with all players batting, subject to the seven (7) run, three (3) out rule.
18. Each one-half (1/2) inning will consist of seven (7) runs or three (3) outs; whichever comes first.
19. If a player is injured during the game and misses an at bat, that player will NOT be called out. The injured player should return to the batting order as soon as possible.
20. One coach will be allowed to stand outside the dugout in foul territory within close proximity of the dugout while the team is playing defense. Coaches should not interfere with fielders or runners.
21. A third strike foul ball/foul tip does not have to go above the batter's head in order to qualify as an out if caught by the catcher.
22. It is the head coach's responsibility to notify the home plate umpire and scorekeeper of any changes to their standing batting order.
23. The 14U, 16U, and 18U leagues will use a 12"/47 core softball.
24. There is no limit as to the number of innings a pitcher can pitch per week in these leagues. However, it is strongly urged that all coaches develop multiple pitchers on their team, and utilize as many as possible throughout the season. NOTE: Any and all players who have been evaluated for pitching are eligible to be utilized as a pitcher during the season.
25. All games will be played according to the current ASA Rule Book unless otherwise amended by these League Rules.
26. **WCYSA equipment and uniforms are for use in WCYSA approved activities only.**

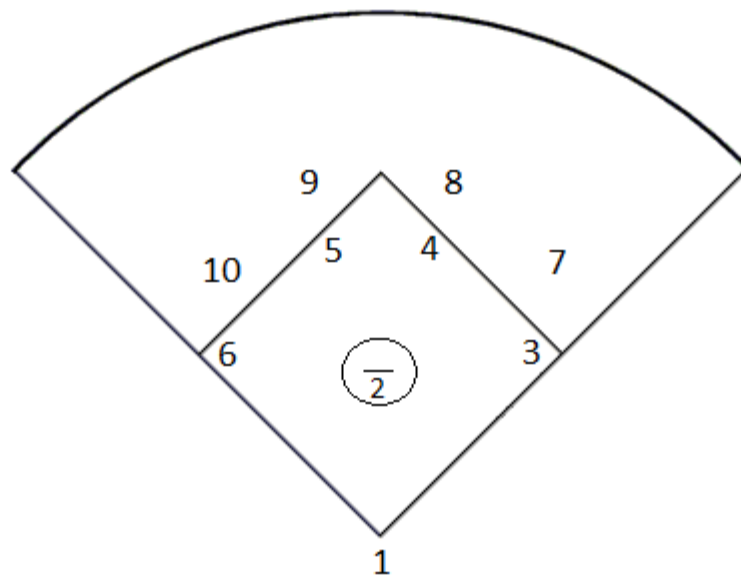
Coach Pitch
Approximate Appropriate Player Positioning



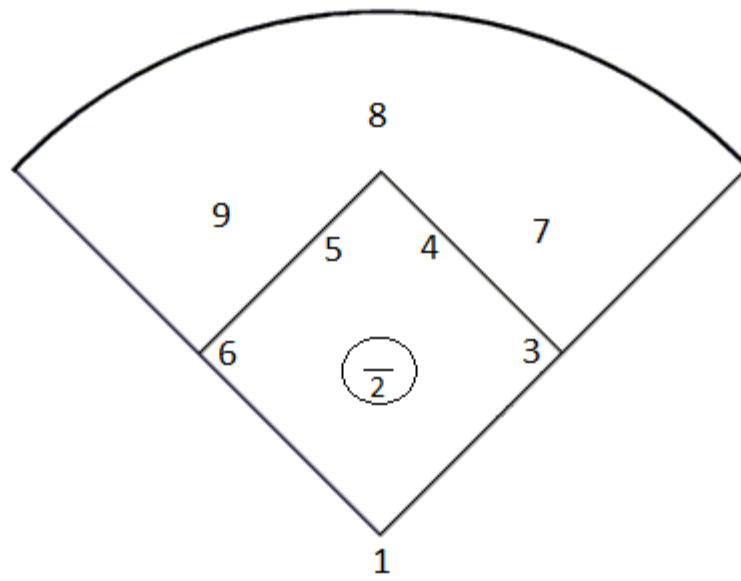
- 1 Catcher
- 2 Pitcher
- 3 First Base
- 4 2nd Base
- 5 Short Stop
- 6 3rd Base
- 7 Right Field
- 8 Right Center Field
- 9 Left Center Field
- 10 Left Field

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The player assigned to the pitching position may choose from either the left or right side of the pitching circle. One foot is to remain in the pitching circle. Only 1 player may be in the pitcher position.

Slow Pitch / 10 U Fast Pitch
Approximate Appropriate Player Positioning



Fast Pitch
Approximate Appropriate Player Positioning



- 1 Catcher
- 2 Pitcher
- 3 First Base
- 4 2nd Base
- 5 Short Stop
- 6 3rd Base
- 7 Right Field
- 8 Center Field
- 9 Left Field

