

FILLMORE GIRLS FASTPITCH LEAGUE RULES 2026

Local Playing Rules – 6U

1. Field dimensions: These divisions will play with a 60-foot diamond.
 - a) Hash marks will be added as a “run pass line”. If the player passes the run pass line by the time the pitcher has the ball, continue to the next base.
2. Standings and score keeping:
 - a) The team will keep score along with a batter line up.
 - b) Both teams will keep track of the number of batters and announce when the last batter of the inning comes up to bat. Whatever comes first, 4 runs or three outs.
3. Inning length:
 - a) Entire season, mandatory defensive third out rule or full batting line up have batted; whichever occurs first will be in effect with a 1:00 hour drop-dead maximum game time.
4. Coaches in the field of play:
 - a) The defensive team is allowed two coaches positioned in the outfield (1 in left, 1 in right), they must attempt to stay out of play of the ball and may not touch the ball at any time. If the defensive coach on the playing field touches a ball, the ball is dead and all the runners advance two bases from the base occupied before the ball is hit.
 - b) The offensive team is allowed standard base coaches and a hitting coach to help the batter at the plate. If an offensive coach intentionally touches a ball, the ball is dead, the batter is not out and the runners return to the base they occupied before the ball was hit.
 - c) The hitting coach may elect to throw no more than three pitches to the batter before going to the use of the tee. Pitching is encouraged for the first half of the season. Coach pitching will be mandatory second half of season with a maximum of three pitches or use of tee after the three pitches. Coaches must start with at least 1 foot on the mound. Each batter receives 3 coach pitches plus foul balls on third strike, from there they go to the tee and get two at the tee. There are no second half adjustments.
5. Batting and base running:
 - a) The batter cannot walk. The batter will remain at bat until the ball is hit into fair territory. The ball must cross the infield arch chalk line in front of home plate or it will be considered foul. The batter has two tee swings, they can measure but cannot touch the ball or else it will be considered a strike. Two strikes on the tee and the batter is out.

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b) Base runners may advance only one base per infield hit, regardless of the number of overthrows made. When a live ball is hit to the outfield and there is an over throw they are allowed to go one base. If they hit off a coach pitch and there is no attempt at first base they ball is live until crossing the pitching circle.

6. Fielders: Outfielders are to be positioned at least 5-feet behind the baselines and not interfere with the player running the bases.

7. Umpires: Both teams shall agree to a coach or parent umpire before the game. Anyone acting as the umpire shall demonstrate impartiality towards both teams when making official calls and decisions during the course of the game. Parents that umpire are required to have a background check before volunteering that they will pay for out of their own pocket. Unless the board rules are different. If a volunteer is a minor between the ages 10-17, no background check is required and will have to have experience and knowledge playing softball.

8. The infield fly rule does not apply. Ball is live.

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Local Playing Rules – 8 and Under Division

1. Game length: 1 hour 20 minutes. No new inning. Saturday games
2. Game length: 1 hour drop dead revert to the previous inning on Wednesday games
3. Base lines: Base lines are 60 feet.
4. Inning length: Each inning will consist of three outs or a maximum of four runs per inning.
5. Fourth outfielder: Each team will field 10 players with the 10th player being a fourth outfielder. All outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass at the time of the pitch.
6. Base running:
 - a) Stealing will be allowed, permitted when the ball is released from the pitcher's hand. A runner can only steal one base per pitch.
 - b) A runner cannot steal home. "Cold Plate"
 - c) Sliding is permitted if done in a sportsmanlike manner.
 - d) Bunting: Bunting is allowed for a girl pitched ball. Bunting is not allowed for a coach pitched ball.
7. Play ends: A play ends when the defensive team throws the ball to the pitcher. Play will also end if the ball crosses the vertical plate extending from the 8-foot pitcher circle. The umpire will call time out. A base runner occupying a base may not advance further. A base runner more than halfway advances to the next base if unoccupied. If both bases are occupied the runner is out. Play will continue if the pitcher attempts to throw out an advancing girl.
8. Pitching (First half of season):
 - a) Pitching distance is 30 feet.
 - b) Balls and strikes will be called; however, there are no walks, coaches will come in and pitch to finish batters count.
 - c) The strike zone is that area over home plate, which is between the top of the batter's shoulders and the bottom of her knees, when the batter assumes her natural batting stance.

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- d) A batter hit by a pitched ball by a defensive pitcher will be awarded first base. A batter hit by a ball pitched by her coach will remain at bat and the pitch will be considered a ball. A batter hit by a live ball while making an attempt to swing will be considered a strike.
- e) The pitcher shall pitch until the batter has hit safely, been put out, or until she has reached the count of ball four. Coach should pitch allowable pitches depending on the pitch count)
- f) The coach must stand on the rubber when pitching to a batter.
- g) The batter who hits off the coaches pitch can only advance to 3rd base max

9. Pitching (Second half of season, no “coach pitching”)

- a) Pitching distance is 30 feet. Use of a 10” ball with a soft core.
- b) Balls and strikes will be called, walks will be allowed.
- c) The strike zone is that area over home plate, which is between the top of the batter’s shoulders and the bottom of her knees, when the batter assumes her natural batting stance.
- d) A batter hit by a pitched ball will be awarded first base.

10. Umpires: Any abuse or intimidation of umpires by managers, coaches or parents will result in the ejection of the offending team’s manager, coaches or parents” and his/her suspension of the next scheduled game and/or season.

11. The infield fly rule does not apply. Ball is live.

12. The 8U division can have pitchers pitch a maximum of two innings per game but can come back after the other pitcher has completed their two innings.

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Local Playing Rules – 10, 12 & 14 and Under Divisions

1. Game length: 1 hour 20 minutes. No new inning. Saturday games
2. Game length: 1 hour drop dead revert to the previous inning on Wednesday games
3. Base lines: Base lines are 60 feet.
4. Inning length: Each inning will consist of three outs or maximum of four runs per inning. After the umpire calls “last inning” the runs may be unlimited.
5. Each team will field 9 players. All outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass at the time of pitch.
6. Base Running:
 - a. For the 10, 12 and 14 and under divisions the runner may attempt to steal at the release of the pitch with the liability to be put out.
 - b. A runner can steal home. “Hot Plate”.
 - c. Sliding “feet first” is permitted if done in a sportsmanlike manner. However, players cannot dive into 1st base or home plate. Diving is only allowed when diving back to 1st, 2nd and 3rd and can only dive to 2nd and 3rd base when advancing.
 - d. Drop third strike rule applies to 10, 12, and 14 & under divisions. However, if 1st base is occupied the batter cannot advance to 1st base on the dropped third strike.
 - e. Infield fly rule in effect
7. Pitching:
 - a. Pitching distance is 35 feet for 10 & under division, using an 11” ball with soft core.
 - b. Pitching distance is 40 feet for 12, and 43 feet for 14 & under divisions, using a 12” ball.
 - c. Pitchers are permitted unlimited innings to pitch (no pitch count)
8. A batter hit by a pitched ball by a defensive pitcher will be awarded first base. A batter hit by a ball pitched by her coach will remain at bat and the pitch will be considered a ball. A batter hit by a live ball while making an attempt to swing will be considered a strike

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