

# Playing Rules 10U

## 2023 Salina Fieldhouse 10U Indoor Tournament



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**Teams will use all USA Fastpitch rules and regulations with the following exceptions or notes:**

**Official Ball:** Red-stitch ASA/USA Stamped 11" Optic Yellow .47 COR/375 Ball (No USSSA Blue-stitch balls will be used)

**Pitching Distance:** The pitching distance shall be 35 feet.

**Time Limit:** Pool & Bracket games will be 7 innings or 70 minutes, finish the inning. Game time begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> warm up pitch. Umpires on the field will keep the official time. **Pool games can end in a tie.**

**Official Game:** If a game cannot be completed, because of weather and has less than 15 minutes left, it will be considered an official game with the previous inning score being official.

**Runs Per Inning Limit:** 6 runs or 3 outs, whichever occurs 1st.

**Game Ending Run Rules:** 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.

**Tiebreaker in Bracket Games: At the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or after time expires for both teams:** The International Tie Breaker rule will be used to break tie games in bracket only. A base runner will start at 2<sup>nd</sup> base with no outs. The runner is the last batter to make an out in the previous inning.

**Batting Lineups:** 10's will bat their complete, full roster for all games, pool, and bracket.

**Players in the field and on defense:** 10's will have 9 players that will play on defense in the field, **with 3 of them positioned in the outfield.**

**Player-Pitcher:** 10's: Regular pitcher. No coach-pitcher.

**Batter:** 10's: On a Base on Balls or Walk, the Batter is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Base and CANNOT advance further than 1<sup>st</sup> base on a walk. The batter is OUT on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. The batter CANNOT run or advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. **Infield Fly Rule is in play for 10's.**

**Base Runner:** 10's: Players can steal 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base but **cannot steal home**. One (1) stolen base per pitch is allowed. Runners **cannot** advance past the base they are attempting to steal, if there is an overthrow to the base the runner is attempting to steal.

**Defensive Substitutions:** Players may be freely substituted on defense.

**Strike Zone:** **The strike zone shall be enlarged, when the player is in a natural stance, to include the top of the shoulders to mid-shin. The strike zone shall also be enlarged to include the width of a softball on each side of home plate.**

**Scorekeepers:** Home team will be the official scorebook. Visiting team will run the score board. Neither of these will apply if the Tournament provides an official scorekeeper.

**Protests:** The Home Plate Umpire and the Official Scorekeeper must be notified of a protest at the time of the infraction and prior to the next pitch, legal or illegal. No appeals will be heard after this point. Protests on an umpire's judgement will not be heard. The Tournament Director and/or UIC shall give the final rule interpretation.

**Jewelry:** Exposed jewelry, which is judged by the umpire, to be dangerous, will not be permitted and will be removed. Medical alert items are not considered jewelry. Medical alert items that are worn must be taped to the body so medical alert information remains visible.

**Bracket Seeding:** **After pool play is complete, bracket seeding will be set according to the Pool Standings.** The pool standings take into consideration; pool record, head-to-head, runs allowed, runs scored and any other tie factors between teams in the pool.

**Salina Fieldhouse “Indoor Ground Rules”**

- + If a batted ball hits the ceiling netting, in foul territory, it is a foul ball and can be caught for an out.
- + If a batted ball hits the ceiling netting, in fair territory, it can be caught for an out or played as a fair, playable ball, if not caught.
- + Batted balls that become “stuck” in the ceiling netting in foul territory, will be ruled a dead ball/foul ball.
- + Batted balls that become “stuck” in the ceiling netting in fair territory, will be ruled a dead ball/one (1) base award to the batter. Base runners may advance one (1) base, but only if they are forced.
- + Batted balls that are either hit or roll beyond the “Taped Outfield Netting” will be ruled a Ground Rule Double. Batted balls hit over the “dividing wall” between fields will be ruled a home run.
- + **Shoes: No molded cleats. Regular gym or athletic shoes with flat soles, preferred.**