

# Mon County Girls Softball 6U Rules

## Revision History

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0.1	10/10/2025	Updated formatting and some verbiage

## Introduction

The 6U age group may be many girls' first introduction to the sport of softball. The primary focus at this age is to make playing as fun as possible. Three key words to remember when coaching at this age: **FUN, FUN, and FUN!!**

As mentioned earlier, focus the game on enjoying the experience. Make sure everyone gets equal and sufficient playing time, and reward effort rather than the result. Our goal is to foster a positive and fun environment that also helps develop essential softball skills: proper throwing, catching, and hitting. Additionally, we aim to teach the basic rules and fundamentals of the sport. The ultimate objective is to nurture a budding love for the game.

The following are the basic rules established for the Mon County Girls Softball 6U division. Note that there are other general rules for Mon County Girls Softball, such as those dealing with time limits, which do not apply to 6U and are omitted here.

## 6U Rules

1. There are no umpires for 6U games.
2. Coaches shall pitch four (4) balls to each batter from any distance determined appropriate by the coach. If the batter fails to hit the ball by the fourth pitch, the ball shall be placed on a tee for the batter to hit. There are no strikeouts or walks; everyone gets to hit the ball.
3. A coach will serve as the catcher. (This is primarily done for safety. The concern is about a player potentially chasing a ball into the batter's swing, or a batter not focusing and swinging the bat when the catcher is nearby. Hopefully the coaches can stay focused.)
4. No base stealing.
5. No score will be kept.
6. It is recommended to incorporate the concept of a batter/base runner being safe or out about halfway through the season. Therefore, to start the season, all batters/base runners should stay on base, regardless of the outcome of the play. About halfway through the season, batters/base runners should return to the dugout if the result of the play is an out. This concept is essential to incorporate during practice and should be discussed by the coaches of both teams before play, so expectations are established.

7. Batters and runners shall only advance one base with each hit until the last batter hits. After the last batter hits, all remaining base runners advance through all the bases.
8. The batting order should be rotated each game so that each player has the opportunity to bat first and last at some point during the season. As a suggestion, rotate sequentially by jersey number, starting with the lowest jersey number for the first game. (i.e., # 1 first for first game, # 2 first for second game, etc.). It is permissible to adjust the batting order to allow more than one player an opportunity to bat last in a given game if there are not enough games throughout the season for every player to bat last.
9. Games will consist of 3 to 4 innings, with every child batting one time in each inning. Games will be limited to one hour.
10. Each player should play two or more positions per game. It is suggested that all players rotate in some fashion for each inning.
11. Coaches may be on the field to help direct and guide the players. To obtain your background check and SafeSport go to [www.registerusasoftball.com](http://www.registerusasoftball.com).