

MISS FLORIDA SOFTBALL T-BALL League & Tournament rules

1. Sportsman-like conduct will be expected of each player, coach, and spectator.
2. Minimum of 9 players, maximum of 15 players per team. **(tournament only)**
3. All girls must play on the field unless they are sick or injured.
4. The pitcher must have at least one (1) foot on the pitching rubber until the ball is hit.
5. Catchers must wear a helmet with a protective face cage.
6. The on-deck batter will stand in the on-deck circle closest to their own dugout.
7. One warning per team for slinging the bat. Second offense will be a dead ball and the batter is out.
8. Batter/runner must keep their batting helmet on until they are in the dugout. One warning per team. Second offense, the team will be awarded an out.
9. Runners may not leave the base until the ball is hit. Penalty: dead ball, runner is out.
10. T-Ball will play with the poly-soft ball.
11. Time limit will be one (1) hour or 5 innings, whichever comes first.
12. Home team will be decided by coin toss. **(tournament only)**
13. Minimum number of girls for a team to be eligible to participate is 6.
A team is allowed two (2) pick-up players, which must be from your own organization. They must wear their own team's uniform, play the outfield, and bat last in the order.
***Coaches in each league must be encouraged to have all players play in their positions. Umpire should be made aware if the outfielder is a pick-up player being used to constantly benefit a team in the infield. Umpire should warn the offending team once, if it happens again, the runner will be declared safe.
14. Entire roster/line-up must bat.
15. Innings will be limited by batting eleven (11) or 3 outs – whichever comes first. **(tournament only)**
16. Each batter will receive three (3) swings to hit the ball fair. If the ball is not hit fair, then the batter will be out. (Foul ball on 3rd swing is an out).
17. There will be an arc 11' in front of home plate that the ball must go beyond to be considered fair.
18. There is free defensive substitution.
19. Defensive players – Only the designated infielders will take a position on the "infield" area of the diamond. All outfielders must be on the grass "outfield" area (or if a line is provided, behind the line) until the ball is hit.
20. Maximum number of girls on defense is 10, with the 10th player playing an outfield position. **(tournament only)**
21. There will be an arc at 35' from home plate that the defensive players must be behind until the ball is hit.
22. One (1) base on over throws.
23. All throws must be overhand, except when momentum or close distance requires an underhand toss. **NO BALL ROLLING.**
24. There is a two (2) step rule in effect for all players. The ball must be thrown to first, second, third, home, or pitcher. Exception: Players fielding/receiving the ball may advance to the designated base if, in the judgment of the umpire, it is a natural play. If the two step rule is violated – the offensive player being played on will be declared safe.

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25. **Defensive player (in control of the ball) must be in the pitcher's circle or stop progress of lead runner to have play stopped (e.g. Request "time" from umpire).
***In the umpire's judgment, "time" will be called when any player requests it, if all other play has stopped.**
26. **There will be hash marks half way between 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and home. These will be used to direct a runner to the next base or return to the last base touched (umpire judgment) when "time" is given by umpire.**
27. **Defensive coaches – Two (2) defensive coaches will be allowed on the field and must be positioned behind the outfielders. Coaches will be allowed to give continual instructions to defense.**
28. **Offensive coaches – The offensive team will be allowed three (3) coaches as follows: 1 first base coach, 1 third base coach, and 1 coach at home plate to manage the batting tee and assist batter. Home plate coach will be responsible for moving the tee from the field of play, without interfering with the play.
Penalty: The runner closest to home will be called out and all runners will return to the last base legally occupied.**

The following will be the awards presented:

First place: Team and individual awards

Second place: Team and individual awards

All other players will receive an individual award for participation.