

# Modified U10 Game Rules

In an effort to help the younger players, both batters and pitchers, transition from a coach pitched softball in the U8 division to player pitched softball in the U10 division; RMMSA and Mission start the season off with some modified playing rules.

The pitching distance starts at **25 feet**. Note the green tag is 30 feet, place the pitching rubber 5 feet up from the green tag.

**There will be no walks from a pitch, so after 4 balls a coach will pitch from the bottom of 25 foot pitching circle. (Closest to the batter)**

The number of balls soft tossed will be according to strikes already taken. So if a player has two strikes after 4 balls, they will get one soft toss. If they have 1 strike they will get 2 etc.

**This 4 balls modification will be done every inning.**

**Stealing home is removed for the entire season. This allows for more at bats and encourages making the play for outs.**

**There will be 10 players allowed on the field, the 10th player being the Rover  
The Rover must be in the outfield**

**Pitching is maximum two innings per player**

**5 run limit per inning**

**Mercy rule**

● Rule 5, Sec 6.a (Amended)

a. A run ahead rule shall result in the conclusion of the game when:

- 1) After 2.5 or 3 complete innings of play there is a difference of 15 or more runs
- 2) After 3.5 or 4 complete innings of play there is a difference of 10 or more runs
- 3) After 4.5, 5, 5.5 or 6 complete innings of play there is a difference of 7 or more runs

**Games start at 6:30pm,  
No new innings after 8:00pm  
Drop dead at 8:15pm**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 22<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The pitching distance will now be 30 feet, and there will be no coach's pitch after 4 balls and players may walk**

**The May 22<sup>nd</sup> date has been scheduled to allow 3 weeks, 6 games approx. in order to prepare for Districts.**

**All teams from RMMSA and Mission participate in the U10C  
District Playdowns, held June 9-11, 2017 at Albion**