



2026 8u Rules

1. This is still a learning league. We are to teach batting , fielding, throwing, base running and good sportsmanship. Scores will be kept in the regular season to determine seeds for tournament which will be single elimination. Coin toss will determine home team.
2. Game length will be 5 innings or 1 hour time limit. Teams will be allowed the entire lineup or 3 outs whichever comes first . All players present must bat using a continuous batting order. If one team has 10 players and the other team has 7 both can bat 10. If time is up and the team who has last bat is losing they will have their opportunity to finish their last at bat .Final inning will be played out. Tie breaker rule will be used in league and tournament play.
3. A single umpire will be used in this league if one is available and they will be used in the tournament if available. They will take position behind the catcher but will not call balls and strikes but will work on getting out from behind the plate and call fair or foul and make the calls at the bases. If there is no umpire the coaches will act as umpires. Do not remove another umpire from another field to do your game if there is no umpire.
4. Team's own coach will pitch to their own team. The coach shall pitch from a reasonable distance. The coach pitcher is part of the playing field, if interference occurs the ball is dead and all runners return to last base occupied. Each batter will be allowed 5 pitches to bat the ball in play. A batted foul ball on the 5th, 6th or 7th pitch will give another pitch to the batter. Each batter will be allowed a total of eight pitches to bat the ball in play.
5. Each batter that fails to bat the ball in play will be counted as an out. All hits within the infield could result in a single, and any hit to the outfield will result in no more than a double. Each base runner may lead off once the pitched ball crosses the plate. Time will be called when any Infielder including the pitcher has the ball in the infield area. Batter runners may take only 1 base on an overthrow from the infielder or outfielder from the time of the throw. A runner attempting to advance beyond the one base they are allowed may be put out while between bases. After all play ceases and the ball is dead.If a runner occupies a base beyond the one the runner was allowed to advance to return the runner to the correct base without liability to be put out. Runners ran only score on a batted ball.
6. Teams must have 7 original roster players to start a legal games otherwise it's a forfeit however teams can still play as is but it's still a loss for the shorthanded team. Teams will be allowed to borrow players from within this league or tee-ball during regular season if



shorthanded but must have other coach's approval. During tournament can only borrow from tee-ball if shorthanded. A maximum of 10 players may play the field (4 outfielders).

7. Helmets will be worn while at bat and while running bases during games and practices . No hitting balls into the fences per City of Gering.
8. RAINOUTS: Game cancellations will be sent out via TeamSnap and posted on Social Media channels. If there is lightning before or during your game pull the girls off the field and wait at least 30 minutes.

Weather Information will also be posted online via Facebook and at <https://geringgirlssoftball.com>.

PICK UP ALL TRASH AROUND YOUR DUGOUT.

Be aware of signs and symptoms of concussions, heat stroke and heat exhaustion. When in doubt sit them out.

Tournament rules: Seeds will be determined based on league standings. All above rules including run rules apply. No changes will be made before the tournament or championship game (or during the regular season) unless approved by the board.