

## Southeast Fastpitch Conference (SFC) – 8U - 2023

**Inclement Weather/No-shows:** In the case of bad weather, home team coaches will be responsible for making a decision on postponement and contacting the opposing coach no later than 4pm on the day of the game. Teams will have a 15 minute grace period to arrive at the playing field. Teams who do not arrive within this grace period will forfeit the game.

**Rescheduled Games:** All make-up game dates and locations are to be agreed upon by the two head coaches. No games that are forfeited due to lack of players are eligible to be rescheduled.

**League Tournament:** All participating teams in all age divisions will qualify for a season-ending tournament. The tournament date is June 24th. Location is Rochester. Two games guaranteed, more if time and fields allow.

**8U Details:** There will be 2 divisions offered. Gold & Silver (In-House, Rochester only, tee-ball equivalent).

**Gold Rules & Format:** Games will start at 6:00 pm. 11in Ball. Pitching from 30ft - 35ft depending on field and coaches discretion. Game times are 65 minutes but please make sure both teams get equal chances batting. There are no umpires.

Outs on the bases will be called by the defensive team's coach. When a batter or runner is called out they will be removed from the bases. However, the batting team will bat the entire lineup even if three outs are achieved.

Every half inning will end when the offensive team has batted everyone in their lineup and the final play is over.

Player Pitch: We would love to have players that have practiced pitching and are willing to try and pitch in games. Player pitchers get four pitches. There are no strikes or balls called so four pitches or until the ball is put in play. We will limit player pitchers to **three batters per inning** unless there has been ball(s) put in play. We do not want the game to feel too slow for everyone else other than the batter (and pitcher and catcher) and this rule is put in place to keep the game moving.

Coach Pitch: The batting team's coach will pitch four pitches. If the ball has not been put in play after four pitches, then the batter will use a tee.

Baserunning: There is no stealing or running extra bases on overthrows/bad throws.

Score: We do not keep score.

Modifications: We encourage coaches, especially as the season progresses to modify rules IF both coaches agree and the speed of the game is not negatively impacted. If agreements cannot be made between two coaches then these are the rules to follow.

The most important rule for 8U is to make it fun for everyone. The best result you can get as a coach is that every one of your players comes back to play softball the next season even more excited for the sport.

