

NMCYSA – Division Rules for 2016

- **10U Division – Modified Coach-pitch & Player-pitch**
 - A standard 11-inch yellow fastpitch softball is used
 - Up to 10 players can be placed on defense
 - Pitcher's plate is 35 feet from home plate
 - Pitchers are limited to pitching a total of two innings per game
 - Infield-fly rule is in effect
 - Base runners can take a lead after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand only when a player is pitching, not when a coach is pitching
 - Base stealing is allowed, but only one base by each runner per pitch and the runners can not advance on an over-throw if they have stolen a base (e.g. a runner seals 2nd base and the catcher attempts to throw her out and the ball gets away from the infielders – that runner can not advance to 3rd base due to the bad throw)
 - Base runners can not steal home. Runs must be earned from a batted-ball or walk
 - Games are 75 minutes. No inning will start with 5 minutes or less left in the game. Once an inning starts, it is played to completion
 - First half of the season – modified coach-pitch in effect:
 - Players will pitch, but there are no walks. After four "balls," a coach (or some other designee) for the batting team will pitch. They will inherit the strike count, and every pitch from the coach is a strike. If the 3rd strike is hit foul, the batter will receive one (and only one) additional pitch – the player must either hit the ball fair, or they are out
 - Coaches must pitch with both feet in the pitcher's circle
 - No bunting off the coach pitcher
 - A batted ball that hits the coach pitcher is a dead ball and is treated as a foul ball
 - If a coach pitcher accidentally interferes with a defensive player's attempt to field a hit ball, the ball is dead, base runners return to the base they were on when the ball was hit, the batter returns to the batters' box and the ball is treated as a foul ball
 - If a coach pitcher intentionally interferes with a defensive player's attempt to field a hit ball, the ball is dead, the lead runner will be called out and the batter will be awarded first base. Other base runners will only be allowed to advance one base if they were in a force position
 - Second half of the season
 - No more modified-coach pitch. Batters can walk and steal all bases – Umpire to be notified prior to start of game and both coaches are in agreement

ALL DIVISION RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER COACHES' DISCRETION