

House League Softball Rules

Summary Sheet

Division	Junior SB	Intermediate SB	Senior SB
Detail	Machine/Tee	Pitcher	Pitcher
Ages		U13	U15 and above
Min. players for game to start	6		
Innings (Max.)	5		
Game Duration (no inning shall start after...)	Start ON TIME!!! No inning to start after 1h 30mins from "scheduled start time" in a 2 hour time slot (umpire's discretion) Hard stop at 1h 55mins from scheduled start; score goes back to last completed inning.		
Score keeping	5 runs/inning Inning until "last inning" "LAST" inning (once through batting order or 3 outs) - Must equalize to team with higher number of batters - no runs max!		
Softball Size	11"	12"	
Base length	45 FT	55 FT	
Pitching Rubber	35 FT	40 FT	
Pitching Machine Speed (mph)	30 mph	n/a	
Plate Size	17" (Normal)	21" Oversized Orange (Same as Mosquito)	17" (Normal)
Plate Appearance	5 pitches / batter unlimited fouls on last pitch only Only The Umpire can call "NO PITCH"	Typical Softball 4 balls, 3 strikes etc.	
Strike out on Foul Ball?	No		
8 ft Circle	Yes - Infielder control near/ inside baselines (infield) will end the play	No - pitcher with control near the mound will end the play.	
Stealing Permitted?	No	Yes; (not home)	Yes; (including home)
stealing on Passed Balls?	No	Yes; (not home)	Yes; (including home)
stealing on Wild Pitches?	No	Yes; (not home)	Yes; (including home)
Advance on Dropped "LAST" strike?	No	Batter Out (cannot advance), Base Runners can Advance at their own risk as far as 3rd base	Batter and Base Runners can Advance at their own risk.
Bunting permitted?	No	Yes	
Infield Fly Rule in Effect?	No	Yes	
No pitch/ dead ball	Umpire Discretion Runners only advance if forced		
Balls	n/a	4	
Strikes	5 hittable pitches; no Tee	3	
Advance on Overthrow	may attempt one base maximum.	may attempt as far as 3rd base maximum	runners advance at their own risk (all bases)
Score from 1st, or 2nd on a hit?	attempt is permitted prior to completion of play. Completion of play is when an infielder/ Pitcher has control of the ball on the infield and the runner has not yet attempted to advance. No baiting!		
Extra Bases on a hit?	Batter may advance as far as 3rd (max) at their own risk, if the ball is cleanly hit to the outfield without interaction. (no homeruns, unless hit over the fence)	all you can get until completion of the play.	
Fielding	The intent is to expose all players to all positions safely Rotate players - min. 1 inning infield and outfield/ player/ game		
Catcher Innings	The intent is to expose all players to the cather position safely while understanding the fear that players may have Rotate players; max 3 innings per player, per game		
Pitchers	An infielder will play pitcher and must stand outside the circle, on either the right or left side of the machine no closer than the machine is to the plate This player must where a batter's helmet with a mask	The intent is to develop all players into pitchers - max of 2 consecutive innings per pitcher, max 3 per game. - must wear a fielding mask or helmet with mask - two hit batter in the same inning; must change pitcher	
Mound visits	N/A	Two visits/ inning permitted. 2nd visit must result in a pitching change. (wet or dirty balls are to be cleaned and given to the umpire, while extra ball is in use.)	
Base runner lead off prior to pitch?	N/A	No	
Runner leave base	Ball crossing plate/ hit.		ball leaves pitcher's hand
Sliding Permitted?	Yes; no head first unless returning to a base.		
Call up Players from lower division?	Yes		