

Baseball Tournament Rules Summary

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2025	8 - 10	9 - 11	LL (10-12)	50/70 (11-13)	Jr (12-14)	Sr (12-16)
Eligibility (Age) Birthdate	Sep 1, 2014 - Aug 31, 2017	Sep 1, 2013 - Aug 31, 2016	Sep 1, 2012 - Aug 31, 2015	Sep 1, 2011 - Aug 31, 2014	Sep 1, 2010 - Aug 31, 2013	Sep 1, 2008 - Aug 31, 2013
Basepath size	60 feet			70 feet	90 feet	
Fields Neutral	All fields are neutral, coin toss to determine home team					
Roster size	Minimum of 12, Maximum of 14 players (16 Seniors), 1 manager and 2 coaches					
Coaches in dugout/field	3 Adults are allowed. Must have 1 adult in dugout at all times					
Mandatory Play batting	Continuous batting order including all players present at start of game					N/A
Mandatory Play injuries	Skip over players injured, ill, or leaving the game, without penalty					N/A
baserunning	If batter reaches base, they MAY also run bases until out or inning ends					Special Pinch Runner Rule
Courtesy runner	allowed for pitcher/catcher with 2 outs (last batted out)					
Substitutions - defensive	Players may be entered or re-entered defensively in the game at any time; remaining in the same spot in the batting order for the entire game					starters only may re-enter Once/ game
Player re-entry limits	No limit on re-entry except pitchers returning as pitchers (see below.)					
Curfew	No new inning may start after Midnight			12:30 AM		1:00 AM
Helmets	6 NOCSAE Helmets required			7 NOCSAE Helmets required		
Bats - Dimensions	Max. length 33"; max diameter 2 5/8"			34" x 2 5/8		36" x 2 5/8
Bats - Non-Wood	USAbat Standard logo required			USAbat logo or BBCOR		BBCOR
Catchers Helmet	Dangling throat guard required and NOCSAE Helmet covering both ears					
Cleats - Metal	Metal Cleats NOT Allowed			Metal cleats allowed		
On Deck Batter	Not Allowed - during or between innings			Allowed		
Head First Slides	Not Allowed when advancing - player is out			Allowed		
Pitching Regulations						
Pitches - Max / Day	75 (50 8yr old)	85 pitches (75 if 10 yr old)		95 pitches (85 if 12 yr old)		
Days Rest Threshold	Observe days rest for threshold reached during at-bat, provided pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter					
League Age	Players League Age 14 and below (except Senior)					SENIOR
Rest 4 days	If 66 or more pitches thrown					> 75 pitches
Rest 3 days	If 51 - 65 or more pitches thrown					61 to 75
Rest 2 days	If 36 - 50 or more pitches thrown					46 to 60
Rest 1 day	If 21 to 35 pitches thrown					31 to 45
No Rest Required	If less than 21 pitches thrown					< 31 pitches
Pitching rest games	May pitch in only one game per day				2 games / day	
Returning to mound	May not return once removed from mound			remaining in game may return once/game		
Catching NO Pitcher	Playing Catcher for 4 or more innings - may not pitch for remainder of day					
Pitching NO catcher	Throwing 41 or more pitches may not play catcher for remainder of day.					
Designated Hitter	Not Allowed - Rule 3.03					Allowed
Protests	Playing rules protest - before the next pitch or play.					
Offensive conference	Only one conference per inning with any player					
Defensive conference	3/4th visit	2nd visit in inning or 3rd in game and pitcher must be removed				
Regulation Game	6 innings / 4 shortened			7 innings / 5 shortened		
Tie Breaker rule	Begins in 7th inning			Begins in 8th inning		
15/10 run Mercy rule	After 3(15 runs) or 4 (10 runs) innings			After 4 (15 runs) or 5 (10 runs) innings		
Dropped 3rd Strike	No Advance	Advance allowed as per rule 6.09b				
Intentional Walk	Prior to or during the at-bat, increase pitch count for a total of 4 balls. Any player may only be intentionally walked once per game. (can still walk on 4 pitched balls)					
Leaving the Base too soon	Runner cannot leave the base until pitched ball reaches the plate. (delayed dead ball)			No such rule. Runners may lead and steal accordingly.		

Softball Tournament Rules - Summary

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2025	8 - 10	9 - 11	LL (10-12)	Junior (12-14)	Senior (12-16)
Eligibility (Age) Birthdate	Jan 1, 2014 - Dec 31, 2016	Jan 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2015	Jan 1, 2012 - Dec 31, 2014	Jan 1, 2010 - Dec 31, 2012	Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2012
Roster size	Maximum of 14 players (16 Senior), 1 manager and 2 coaches - max 3 adults				
Coaches in dugout/field	3 Adults are allowed, must have one adult in the dugout at all times				
Mandatory Play batting	Continuous batting order including all players present at start of game				N/A
Mandatory Play injuries	Skip over players injured, ill, or leaving the game, without penalty				N/A
Baserunning	If batter reaches base, they MAY also run bases until out or inning ends				Special Pinch Runner Rule
Courtesy runner	Allowed for pitcher/catcher with two outs (last batted out)				
Substitutions - defensive	Player may be entered or re-entered defensively in the game at any time; remaining in the same spot in the batting order for the entire game				starters only may re-enter Once/ game
Player re-entry limits	No limit on re-entry except pitchers returning as pitchers (see below).				
Fields Neutral	All fields are neutral, coin toss to determine home team				
Curfew	No new inning may start after Midnight			12:30am	1:00am
Helmets	6 NOCSAE Helmets required			7 NOCSAE Helmets required	
Bats	Max. length 33"; max diameter 2 1/4"			Max. length 34"; x 2 1/4"	
Bats - NON - Wood	Must have permanent printed label BPF 1.20				
Bats - Wood	Wood not less than 15/16 diameter; No Baseball bats allowed				
Catchers	long or short model protector				
Catchers Helmet	NOCSAE Helmet with dangling throat guard				
Metal Cleats	Metal Cleats - Not Allowed			Allowed	
On Deck Batter	Not Allowed - during or between innings			Allowed	
Head First Slides	Not Allowed - player is out			Allowed	
Pitching Regulations					
Softball	11 inch	12 Inch (preferred is LL licensed Dudley)			
Pitching Distance	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet		
Pitching innings - MAX	12 innings maximum per day			No pitching restrictions	
Pitching rest - none	Less than 7 innings - no rest required			No pitching restrictions	
Pitching rest - 1 day	7 innings or more - 1 day			No pitching restrictions	
LEAPING on pitch	The pitcher may have both feet off the ground at the same time				
Illegal Pitch	Delayed dead ball - choice of play or penalty unless batter and runners advance one base				
Illegal Pitch - Penalty	Ball to batter or Offense can choose results of play				
Pitcher return to mound	Pitcher removed can return to pitch - only once per inning				
DP/FLEX	Not Allowed				Allowed
Protests	Playing rules protest - before the next pitch or play. Ineligible pitcher or mandatory play violation - before the umpires leave the field. Ineligible player - as soon as known, but before the next game for either team				
Appeal Plays	Ball must be live when making an appeal				
Offensive conferences	Only one conference per inning with any player				
Defensive conferences	3/4th visit	2nd visit in inning or 3rd in game and pitcher must be removed			
Regulation Game	6 innings / 4 shortened			7 innings / 5 shortened	
15/10 run Mercy rule	15 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4 innings			15 after 4, 10 after 5 innings	
Tie Breaker rule	begins in 7th inning - place runner at 2nd base			begins in 8th inning	
Intentional Walk	Prior to or during the at-bat, increase pitch count for a total of 4 balls. Any player may only be intentionally walked once per game. (Can always be walked by throwing 4 balls).				
Dropped 3rd Strike	Batter cannot advance	Batter May Advance if 1st base unoccupied or if two outs with 1st base occupied			
Runner Cannot leave base until ...	ball reaches batter	ball has been released by pitcher			
Leaving the Base too soon - Penalty	The ball is dead, "no pitch" is declared and the runner is out.				