

Baseball Tournament Rules Summary

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2026					
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	
Courtesy runner	allowed for pitcher/catcher with 2 outs (last batted out)			Runner Rule	
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	
Player re-entry limits	No limit on re-entry except pitchers returning as pitchers (see below.)			Once/ game	
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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2026				
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.			