

## SOFTBALL RULES BY AGE GROUP\*

	<b>6U</b>	<b>8U</b>	<b>10U</b>	<b>12/14U</b>
<b>BASE DISTANCES</b>	50	50	60	60
<b>PITCHING DISTANCES</b>	SAFE DISTANCE	32' (adult pitcher must start with one foot on the rubber)	35	40
<b>SOFTBALL SIZE</b>	10" Soft	10" Soft	11" Regulation	12" Regulation
<b>NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON DEFENSE</b>	ALL Players (no minimum)	10 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)	10 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)	9 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)
<b>NUMBER OF INNINGS</b>	3 Innings	5 Innings	5 Innings	7 Innings
<b>TIME LIMITS</b>	1 hour (Max) No new innings after :45	1 hour 45 Minutes (No New Innings after 1:30)	1 Hour 45 Minutes (No New Innings after 1:30)	2 Hours 15 Minutes (No New Innings after 1:45)
<b>PITCHING**</b>	Adult/Tee (Maximum of 4 pitches – not including fouls on 4 <sup>th</sup> pitch)	Youth/adult pitch Girl can pitch no more than 2 of first 4 innings	Youth pitcher – no more than 2 of first 4 innings	Youth pitcher – no more than 2 of first 4 innings
<b>STEALING</b>	No Stealing	No Stealing	No Stealing Home; No Stealing with 4 Run Lead, Stealing OK after ball passes home plate	Stealing OK after balls leaves pitchers' hand
<b>CATCHING</b>	No Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule	No Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule	Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule in Effect unless 1 <sup>st</sup> base is occupied.	Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike Rule in Effect
<b>RUN LIMITS</b>	All player score each inning	4 runs for first 2 innings; 9 batter rule	4 runs for first 3 innings; 9 batter rule	4 runs for first 3 innings; no run limit
<b>Over Throws</b>		One Base max ... runner can be tagged out	One Base max ... runner can be tagged out	

\*This summary is meant ONLY as a brief review of the ASA and interleague--approved rules. You must be familiar with and comply with ALL rules as outlined therein.

\*\*Pitchers hitting 3<sup>rd</sup> batter of inning MUST leave for remainder of inning (pitching 2 of first 4 innings rule remains in effect. Pitching 1 pitch counts as an inning.) Pitchers hitting 4<sup>th</sup> batter in game may not pitch remainder of game.