

SKILES TEST YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

RULES OVERVIEW

GUIDELINES

Skiles Test Youth Baseball abides to the rules defined by the National Federation of High School (NFHS)

Skiles Test Youth Softball abides to the rules defined by the American Softball Association (ASA)

The official rules for the Skiles Test Youth Baseball and Softball League are available to the public at www.skilestest.com. Rules for each league can be located on the web site under “FORMS / DOCUMENTS / FILES”.

This document is not an official definition of the league rules.

UMPIRES AND DURATION

	UMPIRE(S)	INNINGS	DURATION	LAST INNING
ROOKIE LEAGUE	none	3	1 hr 15 m	1 hr 15 m
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	(1) Plate Umpire, amateur	6	1 hr 45 m	1 hr 35 m
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	(1) Plate Umpire, amateur	6	1 hr 45 m	1 hr 35 m
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	(1) Field Umpire, amateur (1) Plate Umpire, professional	6	1 hr 45 m	1 hr 30 m
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	(1) Plate Umpire, amateur	6	1 hr 45 m	1 hr 30 m
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	(1) Plate Umpire, professional (1) Field Umpire, amateur	6	1 hr 45 m	1 hr 30 m
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	(1) Plate Umpire, professional (1) Field Umpire, amateur	7	2 hours	2 hours

CONTEST LIMITS

	MINIMUM INNINGS	MAX RUNS PER INNING	RUN LIMIT – HOME TEAM	RUN LIMIT – AWAY TEAM
ROOKIE LEAGUE	-	-	-	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	3.5 or 4	6	10 runs after 3 ½	10 runs after 4
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	3.5 or 4	6	10 runs after 3 ½	10 runs after 4
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	3.5 or 4	5	10 runs after 3 ½	10 runs after 4
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	3.5 or 4	6	15 runs after 3 ½	15 runs after 4
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	3.5 or 4	6	10 runs after 3 ½	10 runs after 4
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	3.5 or 4	-	10 runs after 4 ½	10 runs after 5

PLAYERS AND EQUIPMENT

	AGE	AGE LIMIT	BALL	BAT
ROOKIE LEAGUE	5-6	April 30 th	9" Soft baseball	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	7-8	Jan 1 st	11" Softball	Designated fast pitch softball
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	9-10	Jan 1 st	11" Softball	Designated fast pitch softball
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	11-13	Jan 1 st	12" Softball	Designated fast pitch softball
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	7-8	May 1 st	9" Baseball	<= 33", 2 ¼" barrel, <= 1.15BPF
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	9-10	April 30 th	9" Baseball	<= 33", 2 ¼" barrel, <= 1.15BPF
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	11-13	April 30 th	9" Baseball	<= 33", 2 ¼" barrel, <= 1.15BPF

FIELD

	BASELINE S	PITCHING PLATE	PITCHING CIRCLE
ROOKIE LEAGUE	45'	-	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	60'	35'	16'
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	60'	35' (25-30' *)	16'
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	60'	40'	16'
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	60'	35'	10'
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	60'	46'	-
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	70'	50'	-

* Coach's decision with agreement from the opposing coach

PLAYER RESTRICTIONS

	PLAYERS	BATTERS	INFIELDERS	OUTFIELDERS	PENALTY
ROOKIE LEAGUE	-	Unlimited	7	Unlimited	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	>7	Unlimited	5-7	3-4	-
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	>7	Unlimited	6	3-4	-
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	>7	Unlimited	6	3-4	-
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	>7	Unlimited	5-7	At least 3	-
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	>7	Unlimited	6	3-4	Out under 9
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	>7	Unlimited	6	3	Out under 9

BATTING

	PITCHES	STRIKES	BALLS	BUNTING
ROOKIE LEAGUE	5, afterwards a tee will be used	-	-	No
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	5 (max 7 if agreed prior to first pitch, or agreement of coaches)	-	-	No
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	-	3	5 *	No
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	-	3	4	Yes
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	7	3	-	No
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	-	3	4	Yes
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	-	3	4	Yes

* Commissioner's decision

BASE RUNNING

	LEAD OFF	STEALS	DROPPED THIRD STRIKE	RUNS ON PASSED BALLS
ROOKIE LEAGUE	No	No	-	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	No, ball past home plate	No	-	-
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	No, ball past home plate	No *	No	Unlimited
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	No, pitcher release	Yes	No	Unlimited
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	No, ball past home plate	No	-	-
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	No, ball past home plate	Yes	No	2 /inning **
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unlimited

* Commissioner's decision

** Rule not enforced during playoffs, reverts to 'unlimited'

PITCHING AND CATCHING

	PITCHING MAXIMUM	CATCHING MAXIMUM	PITCHING & CATCHING MAXIMUM	BALKS
ROOKIE LEAGUE	-	-	-	-
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	-	-	-	-
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	3 innings	-	-	No
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	3 innings	3 innings	4 innings	No
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	-	-	-	-
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	3 innings	3 innings	4 innings	No
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	3 innings	-	-	Yes

- A batter cannot be intentionally walked.
- A coach may visit the same pitcher on the playing field a maximum of two (2) times per game. On the third visit that pitcher must be removed as the pitcher.
- The starting major softball pitcher may re-enter the game as pitcher after being removed earlier as pitcher only once in during the game.

FIELDING

	DEAD BALL	OVERTHROW TO FIRST BASE	INFIELD FLY RULE
ROOKIE LEAGUE	Ball in infield	-	No
GIRLS AA SOFTBALL	Pitcher's circle	1 base	No
GIRLS AAA SOFTBALL	Pitcher's circle, 3 rd base retreat	1 base	No
GIRLS MAJOR SOFTBALL	Pitcher's circle, 3 rd base retreat	1 base	Yes
A LEAGUE BASEBALL	Cut off the lead runner	1 base	No
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Cut off the lead runner	-	Yes
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Cut off the lead runner	-	Yes

WARNINGS AND PENALTIES

In the first situation during a game where one of the following rule violation occurs, the entire team and coach will receive a verbal warning. Following the second occurrence of the rule violation in the same game the violating player will be called 'out'.

- *Throwing a bat*
- *Leading off of the base*

In the first situation during a game where one of the following rule violation occurs the violating player will be called 'out'.

- *Failing to mandatory slide to avoid obstruction*
- *Head first slide*

In the situation during a game where the following rule violation occurs, the player will be removed from the violating position for the remainder of the game.

- *A pitcher that throws a pitch which contacts a batter twice in one inning*
- *A pitcher that throws a pitch which contacts a batter three times in one game*

VERSION

DATE	VERSION	CHANGED
2015-APRIL-12	1.0	Initial Version (Spring 2015)
2015-APRIL-15	1.2	Initial Version (Spring 2015) – minor revisions
2015-APRIL-20	1.3	Initial Version (Spring 2015) – corrections
2016-APRIL-19	1.4	Updated AA pitch counts