

## JUNIOR SOFTBALL

### STANDARD LEAGUE RULES

Age	9,10,11
Gender	Girls
Innings	5, 2.5 for official game
Time Limit	No new inning after 1 hr 45 minutes weekends, 2 hours weekdays
Base Distance	60 feet
Pitch Distance	35 feet, with 16 foot circle
Pitcher Limits	2 inning limit per game, does not have to be consecutive
Players	10 in field, 9 minimum to start, no minimum to finish
Playing Time	Must play 2 of first 4 innings in field
Roster Batting	YES
Batters/Inning	Limit of 5 RUNS per inning for first 4, no limit in 5 <sup>th</sup>
Run Rule	NO
Walk/Hit by Pitch	Yes, but batter must not deliberately get hit by a strike
Bunting	NO
Stealing	YES, but NOT home
Lead Offs	Runners may leave when ball crosses front of plate
Balks	NO, full windup only
Overthrow Rule	Dead Ball, advance one base only at own risk
Metal Spikes	NO
Legal Bat Size	Official softball bat
Infield Fly	NO
Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike	NO

### LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

01	Before delivery to home, pitcher must start with both feet in contact with pitching rubber
02	Outfielders must play 20 feet beyond base paths when ball is hit, and infielders must be within 10 feet of their normal positions
03	No foot shall be to the side or in front of the rubber. Pitcher is allowed to step back with one foot while the other remains in contact with the rubber UNTIL THE BALL IS RELEASED. This step back starts the pitch, and the ball may not return to the glove. Dead ball warning on first occurrence, batter awarded first base on all subsequent occurrences.
04	No combination of 11 year olds may pitch more than two of the first three innings of any game, age determined as of April 30 <sup>th</sup>
05	If the catcher is on base with two outs, the last batter to make an out may pinch run for her
06	If batter is hit by a pitch that is over the plate, the umpire may call a strike.
07	Runners may steal second and third, but not home. Runners leaving early will receive one warning. Subsequent occurrences will result in a dead ball, runner out, and everyone else returned to original base.
08	Official ball size is 11 inches
09	Facemasks are required in the field for pitchers, first base, and third base.