

OPBA - 2024 Softball Rules Summary

	8U	10U	12U	14U
Basepaths/ Pitching Distance	50'/30'	60'/35'	60'/40'	60'/43'
Coach Pitch	4 pitches from coach, after strike 3 or pitch 4 from the coach, then batter hits from a tee	After 4 balls from player, then 3 pitches from coach	No	No
No New Inning Can Start After ...	1:15	1:35	1:35	1:35
Hard Stop	1:30	1:50	1:50	1:50
Each half inning ends ...	Earlier of 3 outs and 5 runs scored	Earlier of 3 outs and 5 runs scored (last inning uncapped)	Earlier of 3 outs and 5 runs scored (last inning uncapped)	Earlier of 3 outs and 5 runs scored (last inning uncapped)
Innings Pitched per Game	N/A	A pitcher may appear in no more than 2 innings per game. The innings do not need to be consecutive. A single pitch constitutes an inning pitched.	A pitcher may appear in no more than 2 innings per game. The innings do not need to be consecutive. A single pitch constitutes an inning pitched.	A pitcher may appear in no more than 2 innings per game. The innings do not need to be consecutive. A single pitch constitutes an inning pitched.
Balks	N/A	No	No	No
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	No	No
Leadoffs/Steals	No/No	No/Yes (can steal after the ball crosses home plate)	Yes/Yes (after the pitcher releases the ball)	Yes/Yes (after the pitcher releases the ball)
Steal Home	No	No	Yes	Yes
Overthrow Advance	1 base	No cap (at runner's risk); 1 base out of play	No cap (at runner's risk); 1 base out of play	No cap (at runner's risk); 1 base out of play
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bunt	No	Yes (player pitch only)	Yes	Yes