

2026 Winters Spring/Interleague

	8-Under	10-Under	12-Under	14-under/16-under
Baseline Distance	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Pitching Distance	30 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
Softball	10" RIF 1 USA SOFTBALL approved	11" USA SOFTBALL approved	12" USA SOFTBALL approved 1	12" USA SOFTBALL approved 1
Players to Start Game	8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min	8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min	8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min	8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min
Game Time	1:20 NO new inning	1:20 NO new inning	1:20 NO new inning	1:20 NO new inning
Max Innings	6 inning games.	7 inning games.	7 inning games.	7 inning games.
Batting Requirements	Bat the roster up to 15 players.	Bat the roster up to 15 players or only Defensive 9	Bat the roster up to 15 players or only Defensive 9	Bat the roster up to 15 players or only Defensive 9
On Deck Batter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Defensive Players	10 (4 outfielders)	9 with free substitution when batting line-up.	9 with free substitution when batting line-up.	9 with free substitution when batting line-up.
Defensive Requirements	Cannot sit out no more than 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out no more than 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out no more than 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out no more than 2 consecutive innings
Pitcher	Player - coach after 4 balls, remaining strikes. (No walks)	Player	Player	Player
Pitching Requirements	2 innings first 4 innings/ 3 innings max. per game	4 innings maximum per game	4 innings maximum per game	4 innings maximum per game
Umpire Requirements	1 Umpire	1 Umpire	1 Umpire	1 Umpire
Stealing	No	Yes One base per pitch.	Yes	Yes
Stealing Home	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hesitation Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mercy Rule	12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5	15 runs after 3 12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5	15 runs after 3 12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5	15 runs after 3 12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5
Runs/inning	5 max	5 max	5 max	5 max
Dropped 3rd strike	No	Yes, to 1st base only	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes
Courtesy Runners	For injury or Catcher. Must be last out.	Injury, Pitcher & Catcher only. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out	Injury, Pitcher & Catcher only. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out.	Injury, Pitcher & Catcher only. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out
Max Approved adults in Dugout	5	5	5	5
Coaches on Field	Yes, Coach pitching. If batted ball hits Coach-Pitcher, Play is Dead, Batter get 1 st Base, and all other runner will advance one base only if forced to the next base by the batter.	No	No	No
Bunting	Yes, off player pitcher only.	Yes	Yes	Yes

USA rules govern all rules not covered in local league rules.