



# BNLL SOFTBALL RULES PROGRESSION

DIVISION	PEE WEES		ROOKIES		MINORS	MAJORS	JUNIORS
Age Group	5's & 6's		7's & 8's		9's & 10's	11's & 12's	13's & 14's
Period of Time	First 5 Games	Last 5 Games	First 6 Games	Last 7 Games	Entire Season	Entire Season	Entire Season
Scoring Kept	No		No		Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitch Delivery	Coach pitch for first three pitches. Then tee for next three swings. Batter walks if not put into play	Coach pitch for first three pitches. Then tee for next three swings. Batter is out if not put into play	Coach pitch until the batter puts the ball into play or strikes out (3 strikes)	Players will pitch until four balls have occurred, or the batter strikes out	Player Pitching - Normal Rules	Player Pitching - Normal Rules	Player Pitching - Normal Rules
Eligible Hitters	All players on team		All players on team		All players on team	All players on team	All players on team
End of Inning	Player bat the full lineup		3 outs or 5 runs per inning		3 outs or 5 runs per inning	3 outs or 5 runs per inning	3 outs or 5 runs per inning
Base Path Size	60'		60'		60'	60'	60'
Advance on Drop 3rd Strike	No		No		No	Yes	Yes
Advance on Pass Ball	No		No		Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No		No		Yes. After ball crosses plate	Yes. After pitcher releases ball	Yes. After pitcher releases ball
Advance on HBP	No		No		Yes	Yes	Yes
Advance on Defensive Overthrow	No		1 Base		Yes	Yes	Yes
Extra Base Hits	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Pitching Distance	20 ft.		30 ft.		35 ft.	40 ft.	43 ft.
Minimum Number of Players	Any		Any		8	8	8
Softball Size	11" Softie		11" Softball		11" Softball	12" Softball	12" Softball
Umpires	Defensive Coaches		Defensive Coaches		Umpires (BNLL Managers)	Umpires	Umpires
Max Pitch Counts	N/A		N/A		Max 12 innings in a day. If a player pitches in 7 or more innings in a day, one calendar day of rest is mandatory.	Max 12 innings in a day. If a player pitches in 7 or more innings in a day, one calendar day of rest is mandatory.	No pitching restrictions
Defensive Coaches on Field	Yes		Yes		No	No	No
Max Coaches in Dugout	Any		Any		3	3	3
End of Defensive Play	Pitcher controlling ball and runners returning to base		Pitcher controlling ball and runners returning to base		See note below	See note below	See note below
			<p>Players should be using a full "windmill motion" delivery, not a front toss.</p> <p>After 4 balls, the coach will come in and the strike count is reduced by one (example: it was 2-2, the count goes to 2-1).</p> <p>Coaches have the option of starting the game, or ending the game with kid pitch, working with the other coach on how many kid pitch innings they</p>		<p>If the pitcher has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle, and is not making a play, runners not in contact with their bases must immediately attempt to advance or return to base.</p>		