

## Softball - CFL 2026 Quick Reference Guide

Division		Tee Ball	Junior Minors	Minors	Majors		
Typical Little League Age Ranges		4 to 6	6 to 8*	9 to 11	10 to 12		
League Information	Pitching Type	Rule Reference	N/A	Coach	Player		
	Trophies		All	1st Place Regular Season			
	Allow Makeup Games		Due to weather, field conditions, or written approval of the Board only				
	Lightning Safety	Appendix A	Activity suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes from a lightning strike within 10 miles (as determined by WeatherBug); all players and families shall seek shelter in a vehicle for safety				
	Play on Sundays		Only if necessary due to weather, field conditions				
Equipment and Game Setup	Scores and Standings Officially		No	Yes			
	Players Required to Start/Continue	1.01, 4.16, 4.17	N/A	8			
	Pitching Distance	1.04	N/A	35	40		
	Base Distance	1.04	60				
	Ball	1.09	11"				
	Bat Specifications	1.10	BPF 1.20, must be visible; baseball bats not allowed				
	Bat Sizes	1.10	2 1/4", 33"L				
	Cleats	1.11(h)	Molded Only				
	Catcher's Equipment (practices, games, warmups)	1.17	N/A	Catcher's helmet (note: two piece, "skull cap" type helmets are not permitted), dangling throat guard, chest protector, leg guards)			
	Umpires	9.01(a)	N/A	1**	2		
Coaches and Substitutions	Maximum Adult Coaches	3.17	4				
	Adults Required in the Dugout	3.17, 4.05(b)	1 adult coach required in the dugout at all times; may use a player (with helmet) as a base coach if this cannot be met				
	Coaches Allowed on Field	3.16	Yes	No			
	Coaches Warming up Pitchers	3.09	N/A	N/A	Yes		
	Mandatory Play Rules	3.03(a), 3.03(c), 4.04	Equal OF / IF, Rotate positions	Substitutes must play a minimum of six consecutive defensive outs and complete one at bat (including running). Every player shall play 1 of the first 4 innings at pitcher, catcher or the Infield.		Substitutes must play a minimum of six consecutive defensive outs and complete one at bat.	
Game Play	Complete Game Innings	4.10(a)	4	6			
	Cannot Start an Inning After	4.10(c)(2), 4.10(f)	1:00	1:15	1:45	1:45	
	Drop Dead Time		1:15	1:30	None		
	Run Rule	4.10(e)	N/A	15/3 innings (2.5 if the home team is ahead) 10/4 innings (3.5 if the home team is ahead)			
	Maximum Runs per Inning	5.07	N/A	5			
	Doubleheaders Allowed	4.13	No	Yes (1/week)			
	Protests	4.19(g)	N/A	Before the next pitch or play			
	Continuous Batting Order	4.04	Yes				
	Missing Batter (when starting with	4.04, 6.05(n)	N/A	Number 9 batter is skipped without penalty			
	Players On Field Each Inning	4.03	All	Not more than 9			
The Batter	Batter Must Remain in Box	6.02(c)	N/A	Yes (see exceptions in rule 6.02(c))			
	Infield Fly	2.00 - Infield Fly,	No	No	Yes		
	Walks Allowed	6.08(a)	No		Yes on player, no on coach	Yes	
	Intentional Walks	6.08(a)(2)	No	No	Yes		
	Batter Becomes a Runner on	6.09(b)	No			Yes	
	Bunting Allowed		No	Yes on player, no on coach		Yes	
	Ball Hits Machine/Coach		Dead Ball, One Base Awarded for Batter-Runner				
	Hit By Pitch		N/A	N/A	At player's option, coach may deliver 4 pitches or advance to		
	Coach Pitch Rules		Allowed	Allowed	Only on a 4th ball, Coach assumes the remaining strikes +1 additional pitch (fouls do not strike batter out), Till <b>3/16</b> , then Player Pitch		
	At Bat		N/A	5 pitches or 3 strikes			
The Runner	Base Stealing Allowed	7.13	No	No	Yes - once ball reaches batter	Yes - on release	
	Steal Home Allowed		No	No	Only on an <b>ERRANT</b> throw from catcher	Yes	
	Leading Off Allowed	7.13	No				
	Advanced based on Overthrow		No	1 base	Freely		
	Sliding	7.08(a)(4)	No	No	Yes (No head first slides)		
Pitcher and Visits	Courtesy Runner	3.04, 7.14(b)	No	No	Yes, for catcher with two outs; last out may run		
	Warmup Pitches Between Innings	8.03				8 for new pitchers, 5 for returning; not to exceed 1 minute	
	Illegal Pitch	8.01, 8.05					Yes
	Defensive Visits per Inning (per	8.06				3	2
	Defensive Visits per Game (per	8.06				4	3
	Pitcher Removed from Mound	3.03(c)					Once per inning, only if not withdrawn from the game
	Doubleheader Rules for Pitchers	Regulation VI					Max 12 innings
	Days Rest Required	Regulation VI					1 day if 7 innings are pitched in a day