



2023 California District 47 All Stars

Rule Points of Emphasis

Both Baseball and Softball

- Batters keep one foot in the batter's box (unless, for example, there is a potential play at home plate)
- Coaches may not warm up pitchers.
- Coaches must stay in dead ball territory unless they are base coaches or communicating with game officials or a player with permission of the umpires.
- Two coaches and one manager (3 adults) maximum for each game.
- One coach must remain in the dugout at all times. This is a safety rule.
- Avoid obstruction by 1st baseman when the ball goes to the outfield.
- A team cannot start a game with less than 9 players. Any player arriving late to a game may be inserted at the end of the lineup.
- Any spot in the batting order that becomes empty after the game starts (for example due to illness, injury or ejection) will be skipped with no penalty.
- Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed. There must be 2 outs. The courtesy runner is the last out.
- Mound visits Majors and above: 1 per inning, 2nd time the pitcher is removed. 2 per game per pitcher, 3rd time the pitcher is removed.
- Mound visits Minors: 2 per inning, 3rd time the pitcher is removed. 3 per game per pitcher, 4rd time the pitcher is removed.

Baseball

- Junior division only: Pitcher removed from the pitcher position and moved to another defensive position can return as pitcher once per game. Mound visit count is retained.
- Majors and below: Pitcher removed from the pitcher position cannot return to the pitcher position for that game.
- Change in pitchers and catchers on defense must be reported to the plate umpire/scorebook.
- Pitchers may continue pitching to a batter before being removed for pitch count. Pitch count reverts to the pitch limit reached during that batter's at bat.

Softball

- Junior division only: Pitcher removed from the pitcher position and moved to another defensive position can return as pitcher once per inning. Mound visit count is retained.
- Majors and below: Pitcher removed from the pitcher position and moved to another defensive position can return as pitcher once per game. Mound visit count is retained.
- Circle violation – one chance to stop.
Only when the pitcher is in the circle (as opposed to another defensive player).
Attempted play (e.g. fake throw) resets the chance to immediately go forward or return.
- Pitcher must present the ball, bring hands together and pause 1 – 10 seconds.
- Music/chanting stops when the pitcher toes the plate.
- Minors: Runners leave when the ball reaches the batter; Majors/Juniors: when ball leaves pitcher hand
- Rule 8.01(s) requires the pivot foot to "...push off and drag away from the pitching plate ... while the pivot feet remains in contact with the ground."

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