

2023 California District 47 TOC

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 warm up pitchers (this won't be true in All Stars)
- 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 total for each game.
- One coach must remain in the dugout. This is a safety rule.
- Obstruction by 1st baseman when the ball goes to the outfield.
- A team can start a game with 8 players. The 9th spot in the batting order is an out. A player arriving late can be inserted into that spot with no penalty.
- Any spot in the batting order that becomes empty after the game starts (for example due to illness or injury) will be skipped with no penalty.
- Pitcher removed from the pitcher position and moved to another defensive position can return as pitcher once per inning (Junior divisions only). Mound visit count is retained (see below)
- Pitcher removed from the pitcher position cannot return to the pitcher position for that game (Majors and below)
- Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is allowed. There must be 2 outs. The courtesy runner is the last out.
- Mound visits: 1 per inning, 2nd time the pitcher is removed. 2 per game per pitcher, 3rd time the pitcher is removed. Except for minors. For minors, 2 per inning, 3rd time the pitcher is removed. 3 per game per pitcher, 4rd time the pitcher is removed.
- With continuous batting order, all players are considered starters. Therefore, the 6 outs for mandatory defensive play do not have to be consecutive.

Baseball

- 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

- 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 and pause 1 – 10 seconds.
- Music/chanting stops when the pitcher toes the plate.
- Minors: Runners leave when the ball reaches the batter; > minors, 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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