

<b>SOFTBALL</b> Points of Interest	Reference	8/9/10	9/10/11	Majors	Juniors	Seniors
Mandatory Play	TR-9, p-177	13 or 14 Players when the game starts -> One At Bat; 12 or less players when the game starts -> One At Bat and Six <b>CONSECUTIVE</b> Defensive Outs			No Mandatory Play Requirement	
Mandatory Play Management	TR-9 a; p-177-178	After three innings (four in Jrs), the TD/UIC and Scorekeeper will inform each Manager of any players not yet meeting MPR for that game. Managers must act to enter players before a violation could occur in a standard game. Failure to comply will result in immediate ejection and suspension as directed by WP ITC			No Mandatory Play Requirement	
Mandatory Play Conference Directions from TD/UIC and Scorekeeper to Managers	TR-9 a; p-177-178 12 or fewer Players	<b>Visitors</b> , enter all required substitutes defensively before the first pitch in the bottom of the 4th inning (5th for Jrs) and batting within the next six batters to ensure all MPR requirements, including an At Bat are met; <b>Home</b> , enter all required substitutes defensively before the first pitch in the top of the 5th inning (6th for Jrs) batting within the next three batters to ensure all MPR requirements, including an At Bat are met			No Mandatory Play Requirement	
	TR-9 a; p-178 13 or 14 Players	<b>Visitors</b> , enter all substitutes in the 4th/5th inning or as one of the first 3 batters of 6th inning (5th/6th or 7th Jrs); one at a time, as they come to bat; to ensure the At Bat requirement is met <b>Home</b> , enter all substitutes in the 4th inning or as one of the first 3 batters of 5th inning (5th or 6th Jrs); one at a time, as they bat to ensure the At Bat requirement for each player is met			No Mandatory Play Requirement	
At Bat definition/requirements for Mandatory Play	TR-9 e; p-179	A Player enters the batter's box with no count and completes the time at bat by being retired, retired as a batter-runner or runner, scores, reaches base safely, or, after reaching base safely, the game or inning ends. When a Player enters the batter's box for the first time, the Player must remain in the game until the At Bat requirement is met. This prevents the use of a Special Pinch Runner until the Player meets the At Bat requirement			No Mandatory Play Requirement	
Illegal Bat	TR-3 b; p-173 Rule 6.06 d; p-125	From entering the Batter's Box to next batter entering -> Protest valid. Option to accept the Batter Out or taking the resulting Play. <b>MANDATORY:</b> Batter/Manager are ejected and the team loses the position of one adult base coach (not an ejection)				
Bat	Rule 1.10; p- 63	SOFTBALL bat, smooth, rounded stick, Max 33" length/2 1/4" diameter. Made of wood or material acceptable to LL. Non-wood bat must have sleeve 10-16" and BPF=1.20 marking			Same specifications, with maximum length of 34"	
Third Strike Not Caught (TSNC)	TR-3 c; p-173	No advance allowed	A Batter may advance on a TSNC in accordance with Rules 6.05(b)(2), p122 and 6.09(b), P-129			
Special Pinch Runner (SPR)	TR-3 e; p-173; Rule 7.14; p-141	Twice/game, once/inning, Player2, not in the lineup, may run for Player1 provided that Player1 has met the At Bat requirement for MPR. Player1 may be SPR'd for only once per game. Player2 may SPR a second time as long as Player2 is not in the batting lineup				
Maximum Pitchers per Game	TR-4 a; p-174, p-176	Any player may pitch. There is no limit to the number of Pitchers per game				
Pitching Inning Defined	TR-4 c; p-174	A single pitch constitutes an inning			No limits on pitching	
Maximum Innings in a Day	TR-4 f; p-174	Limited to 12 innings per day			No limits on pitching	
Pitchers Returning to Mound	TR-4 d; p-174; TR-4 c; p-176	A Pitcher remaining in the game, but remaining in the game and moving to another position, may return to pitch anytime in the rest of the game, but only once in the inning removed			Same, plus a Pitcher removed from the game, may return once/inning provided no Sub, Visits or MPR violation occurs	
Days' Rest	TR-4 e, g, h; p-174	If 7 innings or more are pitched in a day, one day rest is required, even at the next level; if 6 innings or fewer are pitched in a day, no rest is required			No Days' Rest limits	
Pitching Two Games/Day	TR-4 f; p-174	Allowed, provided no more than 12 innings cumulative in a day			Allowed	
Susp Game Next Day Pitching	TR-4 h Exception 2; p-175	Pitcher of record may continue in a resumed game, provided no more than 12 innings pitched in TOTAL game			No pitching limits	
Special Case for Visiting Team with 13 or 14 Players	TR-10 c NOTE 2; p-180	With 13/14 eligible players, the Visiting Team may substitute a Batter for the starting Pitcher in the top of the first inning provided the starting Pitcher faces the first Batter in the bottom of the first inning (no violation of Rule 3.05 a)				

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Charged Visits	TR-7; p-130	Defense: 3/game, 2/inning; Offense: 1 visit/inning	Defense: 2/game; 1/inning--next visit, the Pitcher must be removed. If the Pitcher returns, visit count continues. Offense: One visit/inning			
Charged Visits Clarified	Instructor Comment	Visits to make changes, talk w/Umpire or check an injured Player are not charged. When a Defensive charged visit occurs, the Offensive Manager/Coach may visit with that Team and not be charged a visit, provided the uncharged visit ends when the charged visit does				
Substitution/Re-entry	TR-10; 179-p-181	All changes are straight line. A STARTER may be removed before MP, but upon re-entry, must meet unfulfilled AB and/or six <b>CONSECUTIVE</b> Defensive Outs. Any SUB must fully meet MPR before being removed. Multiple SUBS may enter/re-enter on the same line			Starters may re-enter one time on the same line; Subs may not re-enter	
Substitution/Re-entry for Pitcher	TR-10 NOTE 2; p-180	A Pitcher who has met MP may be removed for a substitute Batter and re-enter the game as a Pitcher once in a game provided the Pitcher was not removed from the mound			Same without MP requirement	
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Lack of Eligible Substitutes	TR-10 a; p-180	If a Team has <9 eligible Players, the opposing Manager chooses a Player to re-enter the game. Ejected Players may not re-enter				
Making Changes	TR-10 d; p-181	Offensive changes while Player is at bat or on base; Defensive changes on defense				
Multiple Games in a Day	Tour Org, Schedules; p-166	Teams may play two doubleheaders within seven day period			Teams may participate in a maximum of three games in a day	
Ten Run/15 Run Rule	TR-12; p-181-182	10 Run lead after 4/3 and one-half innings or 15 Run lead after 3/2 and one-half innings ends the game			10 Run lead after 5/4 and a half innings or 15 Run lead after 4/3 and a half innings ends the game	
Suspended Games	TR-11; p-181; TR-13 b; 182	Any game where a winner cannot be determined continues from the point of suspension. Games where the Visitors take the lead and the Home team does not complete their half inning NEVER revert, but are suspended at that point				
Ending Regulation Games	TR-13 b; p-182	With Regulation Innings, if a winner can be determined, games called for NATURAL causes are over. In games, where Visitors take the lead, but the Home Team does not complete a half inning are NEVER reverted, but are suspended				
Extra Inning Tie Breaker	TR-14; p-182	At the second extra inning, the Batter scheduled to bat last that inning will start the inning as a Runner at second base. Sub/SPR allowed.				
Curfew by Rule	Tourn Org; p-168	No new inning after midnight local time			No new > 0030 LT	No new > 0100 LT
Number of Coaches Allowed	Tourn Org; p-159-160	If a team has 11 or fewer eligible Players in uniform at the start of the game, only one Manager and one Coach will be allowed for that game				
Protest (Rule or Substitution)	Conditions of Tourn Play, p-169	Resolved before next pitch or play or not allowed. However, Illegal Substitution impacting MPR must be resolved, when discovered. Call Region/WP for assistance in the reset				
Protest (Player or Pitcher)	Conditions of Tourn Play; p-170-171	Player (Age, Residence or Eligibility) -> Notify TD and if unresolved, TD calls Region/WP; Pitcher (TR-4 violation) -> Notify TD and if unresolved, TD calls Region/WP. Resolution/penalty for both at the discretion of the WP ITC				
Ejected/Suspended Persons	TR-4; p-174-176; TR-9; p-178-179; TR-17/18; p-183	Ejected Player/Adult presence at game site before, during or after is prohibited. No communications w/anyone at game site, including pre- and post-game activities. Issues should be annotated on the affidavit				

Point of Interest	Reference (Softball Rule Book)	Additional Information
Replacement of Players or Adults	Tournament Organization; p-165	Replacement of a player or adult is permanent. TDs may authorize temporary replacement of <b>adults</b> for a justifiable reason (on affidavit). An ejected Manager/Coach may not be replaced for the team's next physically played game
Catcher's Mitt	Rule 1.12; p-86	MUST be a glove/mitt of ANY size, shape or weight consistent with protecting the catcher's hand. This may be a first baseman's mitt or fielder's glove
Base Coaches	Rule 2.00, Base Coach; p-90; Rule 4.05; p-107-108	Two base coaches are mandatory. If using two adult base coaches, at least one adult Manager/Coach must be in the dugout. Coaches may not swap positions during the inning. At the start of each inning, base coaches must remain in the dugout until preparatory pitches are completed. Any Base Coach under 18 YO must wear a helmet.
On-deck Batter's location	Regulation XIV A. R.; p-72	In the Junior/Senior Divisions, the on-deck Batter must occupy the circle closest to her dugout.
Unannounced Subs	Rule 3.08 (a), (b); p-103-104	Actions by LEGAL unannounced subs are legal. Note the need to meet the At Bat requirement for substitutions to be LEGAL
Adults Warming Up Pitchers	Rule 3.09; p-104; Reg XIV f; p-72	Nowhere, no how, NOT EVER at or around the game site
Photographers on the Field	Rule 3.15; p-104-105	Allowed, if approved by the TD; managed by the Crew Chief
Electronic Communications	Rule 3.17; p-105	DO NOT allow coaching/scouting from outside sources. Pitch Count/Scorekeeping apps are allowed, but not on the field (by base coaches). No digital two-way comms. Go Pro or similar streaming devices are allowed, but info may not be relayed to Managers, Coaches or Players
Actions Required after an Ejection	Rule 4.07; p-108	Immediate departure; be alert for players under 18 YO; these Players may remain in dugout, if under adult supervision and under control
Less Than Nine Players	TR-10(a); p-180; Rule 4.17; p-115	Must have nine eligible Players to continue a game. Opposing manager selects the eligible Player for re-entry, if necessary. Ejected Players are not eligible for re-entry