

	6U	8U	10U	12/14U
BASE DISTANCES	50'	50'	60'	60'
PITCHING DISTANCES	SAFE DISTANCE	32' (adult pitcher must start with one foot on the rubber)	35'	40'
SOFTBALL SIZE	10" Soft	10" Soft	11" Regulation	12" Regulation
NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON DEFENSE	ALL Players (no minimum)	10 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)	10 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)	9 Maximum, 8 minimum (all players eligible to return to defense even after leaving)
NUMBER OF INNINGS	3 Innings	5 Innings	5 Innings	7 Innings
TIME LIMITS	1 hour (Max) No new innings after :45 Both teams should bat in the final inning.	1 hour 45 Minutes drop dead. No new Innings after 1:30	1 Hour 45 Minutes No new innings after 1:30	2 Hours 15 Minutes No new innings after 1:45
PITCHING**	Adult/Tee (Maximum of 4 pitches – not including fouls on 4 th pitch)	Youth/adult pitch: Girl can pitch no more than 2 of first 4 innings. Adult pitcher is used after 4 balls. Strike count remains and adult pitcher has maximum of 3 pitches (unless 3 rd pitch is fouled).	Youth pitcher – no more than 2 of first 4 innings.	Youth pitcher – no more than 2 of first 4 innings.
STEALING	No stealing or advance on wild pitch. Runner can leave base when ball is hit.	No stealing or advance on wild pitch. Runner can leave base when ball is hit.	No stealing home or scoring on wild pitch, passed ball, pickoff attempt, or throw from catcher to pitcher. No stealing w/ 5 run or more lead.	USA Softball leadoff rules (can leave base on release by pitcher). No continuation rule on walks.
CATCHING	No Dropped 3 rd Strike Rule	No Dropped 3 rd Strike Rule	Dropped 3 rd Strike Rule in effect unless 1 st base occupied.	Dropped 3 rd Strike Rule in Effect
RUN LIMITS	All batters score each inning.	4 runs for first 2 innings, then 9 batter rule.	4 runs for first 3 innings, then 9 batter rule.	4 runs for first 4 innings only.
Overthrows and baserunning	N/A	One base max. Runner can be tagged out. Batter cannot take extra base on overthrow of first.	One base max. Runner can be tagged out. No advance after overthrow attempted steal, pickoff play, or drop third strike throw to first	USA Softball rules.

*This summary is meant ONLY as a brief review of the ASA and interleague-approved rules. You must be familiar with and comply with ALL rules as outlined therein.

**Pitchers hitting 3rd batter of inning MUST leave for remainder of inning (pitching 2 of first 4 innings rule remains in effect. Pitching 1 pitch counts as an inning.) Pitchers hitting 4th batter in game may not pitch remainder of game.