

## 2021 Regan Youth League Softball Rules Summary

Rule	Description	AA (no AA in 2021)	AAA
<b>1</b>	<b>Ages</b>	9, 10 years old on September 1st	11, 12, 13, 14, 15 years old on September 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>2</b>	<b># players in field</b>	10, 10th player must be in outfield	10 unless opponent has 9 or fewer players at the game in which case 9; 10 <sup>th</sup> player must be in the outfield
<b>3</b>	<b>Minimum # players to start game</b>	8	8
<b>4</b>	<b>Minimum # players to end game</b>	8	8
<b>5</b>	<b>Forfeit</b>	Fewer than 8 players available to play 15 minutes after game time or any time during first 4 innings	Fewer than 8 players available to play 15 minutes after game time or any time during first 4 innings
<b>6</b>	<b>Who bats</b>	all players are in the line-up	all players are in the line-up
<b>7</b>	<b>Total innings</b>	6 innings per game	6 innings per game
<b>8</b>	<b>Extra innings allowed</b>	over 6 innings OK in playoffs only	over 6 innings OK in playoffs only
<b>9</b>	<b>Official game</b>	4th complete inning	4th complete inning
<b>10</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>	Cannot start the 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> inning after 90 minutes from actual start time of game (except for playoffs)	Cannot start the 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> inning after 90 minutes from actual start time of game (except for playoffs)
<b>11</b>	<b>Player # of innings in field</b>	Minimum 3 innings for each player	Minimum 3 innings for each player
<b>12</b>	<b>Player substitution</b>	coaches discretion, no limits	coaches discretion, no limits
<b>13</b>	<b>Pitcher # of innings</b>	Maximum of 3 innings per pitcher during first 6 innings of game. Pitchers may pitch unlimited additional innings after the 6 <sup>th</sup> inning, but the innings cannot be consecutive from the 7 <sup>th</sup> inning onward.	Maximum of 3 innings per pitcher during the first 6 innings of game. Pitchers may pitch unlimited additional innings after the 6 <sup>th</sup> inning, but the innings cannot be consecutive from the 7 <sup>th</sup> inning onward. 15 year olds may pitch a maximum of one inning per game.
<b>14</b>	<b>Can Pitcher be pulled and re-inserted?</b>	Yes but can only pitch 3 innings max in first 6 innings of game. Innings may be consecutive, but not required to be so.	Yes but can only pitch 3 innings max in first 6 innings of game. Innings may be consecutive but not required to be so.
<b>15</b>	<b>Pitching distance</b>	35'	40'
<b>16</b>	<b>Type of pitch</b>	Underhand / Windmill	Underhand / Windmill
<b>17</b>	<b>Play stops when</b>	Ball is in pitcher's hands	LIVE Ball unless time-out is called
<b>18</b>	<b># runs allowed inning</b>	maximum 5 runs except last inning	maximum 5 runs except last inning

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<b>19</b>	<b>Infield fly rule</b>	no	no
<b>20</b>	<b>Leading off bases</b>	Yes, AFTER ball leaves pitchers hand	Yes, AFTER ball leaves pitchers hand
<b>21</b>	<b>Stealing allowed?</b>	No	Yes, all bases including home
<b>22</b>	<b>Runner advance on passed ball?</b>	No	Yes, one base only
<b>23</b>	<b>Runner score on passed ball?</b>	No	Yes, lead runner only.
<b>24</b>	<b>Advance on overthrow?</b>	Yes, one base	Yes, one base
<b>25</b>	<b>Bunting allowed?</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>26</b>	<b>Batter out on foul bunt w/ 2 strikes?</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>27</b>	<b>Batter awarded first base on hit by pitch?</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>28</b>	<b>Out on dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike (w less than 2 outs)?</b>	Yes	No, batter runs to 1 <sup>st</sup> ; 1 <sup>st</sup> base must be unoccupied
<b>29</b>	<b>Batter is out after</b>	3 strikes	3 strikes, except on dropped 3rd strike as described in Rule #28
<b>30</b>	<b>Intentional walks</b>	No	No
<b>31</b>	<b>Pitching balks called</b>	No	No
<b>31</b>	<b>Mandatory slide</b>	Home only, if play is on	All bases, if play is on
<b>32</b>	<b>Slaughter rule</b>	15 after 4 innings, 12 after 5 innings	15 after 4 innings, 12 after 5 innings
<b>33</b>	<b>Interference</b>	Out	Out, including batter who interferes with catcher's throw to third or play at home
<b>34</b>	<b>Running outside base paths?</b>	Only to avoid defensive play, not a tag	Only to avoid defensive play, not a tag

### **Additional Notes**

Home team occupies 1st base dugout; Visiting team occupies 3rd base dugout.

Girls encouraged to wear full uniform including pants. Discourage watches, rings, earrings, other jewelry.

No cell phones or other game units allowed in dugout or on playing field. Umpires must turn cell phones OFF.