

## Softball Tournament Rules - Summary

2019	8 - 10	9 - 11	LL (10-12)	Junior (12-14)	Senior (13-16)
<b>Eligibility (Age) Birthdate</b>	Jan 1, 2008 - Dec 31, 2010	Jan 1, 2007 - Dec 31, 2009	Jan 1, 2006 - Dec 31, 2008	Jan 1, 2004 - Dec 31, 2006	Jan 1, 2002 - Dec 31, 2005
<b>Roster size</b>	Maximum of 14 players (16 Senior), 1 manager and 2 coaches - max 3 adults				
<b>Coaches in dugout/field</b>	If 11 or fewer players at game, only 2 adults allowed, 3rd adult cannot participate				
<b>Mandatory Play</b>	If 12 or fewer players at game, 1 at bat and 6 consecutive outs				None Required
<b>Mandatory Play</b>	If 13 or more players at game, 1 at bat				None Required
<b>Fields Neutral</b>	All fields are neutral, coin toss to determine home team				
<b>Curfew</b>	No new inning may start after Midnight		12:30am	1:00am	
<b>Helmets</b>	6 NOCSAE Helmets required		7 NOCSAE Helmets required		
<b>Bats</b>	Max. length 33"; max diameter 2 1/4"		Max. length 34"; x 2 1/4"		
<b>Bats - NON - Wood</b>	Must have permanent printed label BPF 1.20				
<b>Bats - Wood</b>	Wood not less than 15/16 diameter; No Baseball bats allowed				
<b>Catchers</b>	long or short model protector				
<b>Catchers Helmet</b>	NOCSAE Helmet with dangling throat guard				
<b>Metal Cleats</b>	Metal Cleats - Not Allowed		Allowed		
<b>On Deck Batter</b>	Not Allowed - during or between innings		Allowed		
<b>Head First Slides</b>	Not Allowed - player is out		Allowed		
<b>Pitching Regulations</b>					
<b>Softball</b>	11 inch	12 Inch (preferred is LL licensed Dudley)			
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet		
<b>Pitching innings - MAX</b>	12 innings maximum per day		No pitching restrictions		
<b>Pitching rest - none</b>	Less than 7 innings - no rest required		No pitching restrictions		
<b>Pitching rest - 1 day</b>	7 innings or more - 1 day		No pitching restrictions		
<b>Illegal Pitch</b>	Delayed dead ball - choice of play or penalty unless batter and runners advance one base				
<b>Illegal Pitch - Penalty</b>	Ball to batter		Ball to batter runners 1 base		
<b>Pitcher return to mound</b>	Pitcher removed but remaining in game can return to pitch - once per inning				
<b>Substitutions - Player re-entry</b>	Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter, in the SAME position in the batting order.			Only starters may re-enter ONCE per game	
<b>Designated Hitter</b>	Not Allowed			Allowed	
<b>Player re-entry limits</b>	Provided substitute player removed has met mandatory play			Once per game	
<b>Protests</b>	Playing rules protest - before the next pitch or play. Ineligible pitcher or mandatory play violation - before the umpires leave the field. Ineligible player - as soon as known, but before the next game for either team				
<b>Appeal Plays</b>	Ball must be live when making an appeal				
<b>Offensive conferences</b>	Only one conference per inning with any player				
<b>Defensive conferences</b>	3/4th visit	2nd visit in inning or 3rd in game and pitcher must be removed			
<b>Regulation Game</b>	6 innings / 4 shortened		7 innings / 5 shortened		
<b>10 run rule</b>	After 4 innings		After 5 innings		
<b>Tie Breaker rule</b>	begins in 8th inning - place runner at 2nd base		begins in 9th inning		
<b>Special Pinch Runner</b>	Allowed TWICE per game but not more than once per inning, any player not presently in the lineup. A player may only be removed for a special runner one time during a game.				
<b>Intentional Walk</b>	No intentional walks - must throw legal pitches to the batter				
<b>Dropped 3rd Strike</b>	Batter cannot advance	Batter May Advance if 1st base unoccupied or if two outs with 1st base occupied			
<b>Runner Cannot leave base until ...</b>	ball reaches batter	ball has been released by pitcher			
<b>Leaving the Base too soon - Penalty</b>	The ball is dead, "no pitch" is declared and the runner is out.				