

PSA "QUICK LOOK" RULES FOR SOFTBALL SPRING 2021

	1st & 2nd	3rd	4th	5th/6th (Spring 2021)	7th/8th	9th-12th (HS)
Game Format	Coach Pitch	Mod Kid Pitch	Mod Kid Pitch	Kid Pitch	Kid Pitch	Kid Pitch
Time Limit	70 min	80 min	80 min	80 min	80 min	80 min
Ball Size	11" soft "safety" ball	11" softball	11" softball	12" softball	12" softball	12" softball
Base Path	60	60	60	60	60	60
Pitching Distance	30	30	35	40	43	43
Player Minimum	7	7	7	7	7	7
Inning Limit	6	7	7	7	7	7
Runs Allowed Per Inning	5	5	5	5	7	7
Min. Innings for Official Game	3 completed	3 completed	3 completed	4 completed	4 completed	4 completed
Extra Innings Allowed	Tournaments only	Tournaments only	Tournaments only	Tournaments only	Tournaments only	Tournaments only
Bunting	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	No	No	Yes - when ball crosses the plate 1 base only, run at risk on overthrow	Yes - when the pitcher releases the ball	Yes - when the pitcher releases the ball
Walks	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	Batter is out	Batter is out	Batter is out	Batter is out	Yes - must be thrown out	Yes - must be thrown out
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
On-Deck Batters	1 allowed	1 allowed	1 allowed	1 allowed	1 allowed	1 allowed
Hit Batters	n/a	3 per game	3 per game	5 per game	5 per game	5 per game
Pitching Limit	1st Gr - 6 pitches by coach: batter not out until 6th pitch 2nd Gr - 6 pitches by coach: batter is out if 3 strikes before 6th pitch	3rd Gr - no more than 2 of first 4 innings max of 3 innings	4th Gr - no more than 3 innings (cannot be consecutive)	No limit	No limit	No limit
Helmet Requirement	Helmet only	Helmet w/face mask	Helmet w/face mask	Helmet w/face mask	Helmet w/face mask	Helmet w/face mask
Defensive Positions	Up to 10	Up to 10	Up to 10	Up to 10	Up to 10	Up to 10
When Game Clock Expires	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 5+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 5+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 5+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 5+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 7+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired	Must complete the inning or if the run differential is 7+ No NEW inning shall be started after specified time limit has expired

Pitchers allowed 3 warm-up pitches or 1 minute ONLY. 3rd & 4th grade the coach warms up the pitcher

HOME team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook. AWAY team responsible for verifying the score between innings and throughout the game

One defensive time out allowed per each ½ inning with a max of 3 per game. Each timeout has a one minute time limit

One offensive time out is allowed per each ½ inning which includes when a coach calls the batter out of the box, or the coach leaves the coaching box

Borrowed players must be declared at the pre-game plate meeting with the umpire and are not allowed to play infield or pitch (K-8th)

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Borrowed pitcher for High School league cannot pitch in the 1st or 2nd inning

Borrowed players must bat at the bottom of the batting order and wear the uniform of their ACTUAL team

If coaches suspects illegal players, a roster check must be done before the start of the game or for a player who arrives late to the game

Base obstruction is when a defensive player is standing on a base and this effects the base runner's ability to reach the base. If players' safety was at risk, ejection allowed

Off the ball base obstruction is when the catcher, 1st, 2nd or 3rd base player does NOT have the ball and she "camps" on the base