

# ***Spring 2021 Rules – 9th through 12th Grade (HS)***

- 1. FIELD DIMENSIONS**
  - a. Base distance – 60 feet
  - b. Pitching distance – 43 feet
- 2. INNING LIMIT – 7 innings**
- 3. TIME LIMIT – 80 minutes**
- 4. BALL SIZE – 12-inch hard ball**
- 5. EXTRA INNINGS – in post season tournaments only**
- 6. INNING RUN RULE – 7 runs max**
- 7. GAME ENDING RUN RULE – N/A**
- 8. BUNTING – allowed**
- 9. STEALING – allowed when pitched ball is released from pitcher’s hand**
- 10. DROPPED 3<sup>rd</sup> strike – rule in effect**
- 11. INFIELD FLY RULE – in effect**
- 12. PITCHING – USA Softball Rules – pitcher can start with one or both feet on the rubber**
  - a. **Pitching Limits** - No limits on individual pitchers.
  - b. **Pitcher Warmups** - Pitchers are allowed one minute or a maximum of 3 warm up pitches. This includes pitching changes in the middle of an inning.
  - c. **Max number of batters hit** by pitch before pitcher must be removed is five (5).
  - d. **Starting pitchers are exempt** from “Fair-Play” rule until they stop pitching in a given game.
- 13. STOPPING OF PLAY – Umpire discretion**
- 14. ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW - USA Softball rules**
- 15. LOOK-BACK RULE – in effect for all runners when the ball is live**
- 16. CATCHERS - Starting Catchers are exempt from “Fair-Play” rule**
- 17. PINCH RUNNERS – Not allowed, except for injury or catcher. See Softball General Rules 6.6**
- 18. BORROWING OF PLAYERS TO AVOID FORFEIT - Players may be borrowed from another team within the same league to avoid a forfeit. See Softball General Rules 2.3, section E**