

2008 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT RULE DIFFERENCES

TOURNAMENT RULE	AGE 9/10 SOFTBALL	AGE 10/11 SOFTBALL	AGE 11/12 SOFTBALL	JUNIOR SOFTBALL	SENIOR SOFTBALL	BIG LEAGUE SOFTBALL
Age & Eligibility (As of Dec. 31)	Age 9 or 10	Age 10 or 11	Age 11 or 12	Age 12 to 14	Age 13 to 16	Age 14 to 18
	Minor-Major Div.	Minor-Majo Div.r	Major Div. Only	Junior -Senior	Jr-Sr-Big Lge	Jr-Sr-Big Lge
	Travel Team prohibition requirement dropped			Travel Team participation acceptable		
Roster Size	Maximum 14 Players, 1 Manager, 2 Coaches					Max. 15 + 3
	Minimum 13 Players to Qualify 3 Adults - Minimum Roster Size = 9 + 1 Adult					
Mandatory Play Requirement	Must complete 1 at-bat & 3 consecutive defensive outs unless game is shortened for any reason - May protest by game end. A Substitute entering the game must complete Mandatory Play before being removed.				None	None
Curfew Time	No inning start after (NISA) 11:00 pm			No inning start after 11:30 pm		NISA midnight
Equipment	No metal cleats, long or short model chest protector, throat guard, min. 6 NOCSAE helmets			No metal cleats, long or short model chest protector, throat guard, min. 7 NOCSAE helmets		
	Catcher may wear any size, shape, or weight of glove (including first baseman's glove)					
Bats	Max. 33"; max. 2-1/4 " dia.; no BB bats			Max. 34"; max. 2-1/4 " dia.; no BB bats		
	White Bats now Permitted			White Bats now Permitted		
Softalls	11 inch circumference.		12 inch circumference (11-7/8" to 12-1/8")			
Pitching Distance	35 feet		40 feet			
Pitching Innings	6 Innings/game		9 Innings/game	10 innings in a day		
Pitching Rest	May not pitch in Consecutive games.			Less than 5 innings in a day = no day's rest 5 or more innings in a day = 1 day rest		
Pitch Consecutive Games Exception	If only one inning pitched the previous game			If less than 5 innings pitched the previous game		
	If the previous game was at a different tournament level and required rest days observed.					
Player Re-entry	Any player removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time after his/her substitute has met mandatory play, but is locked in the batting order, unless required to re-enter.				Any starter may re-enter game ONCE, but is locked in batting order. A substitute (Non-starter) may not re-enter.	
Max. Games a Day	Two games with Regional Director approval			Two games per day		
Ten-Run Rule	After 4 inn; after 3-1/2 inn if home team ahead			After 5 inn; after 4-1/2 inn if home team ahead		
Complete Game	6 innings; 5-1/2 innings if home team ahead			7 innings; 6-1/2 innings if home team ahead		
Regulation Game	4 innings; 3-1/2 innings if home team ahead			5 innings; 4-1/2 innings if home team ahead		
Suspended Game	More than 1 full inning but less than regulation game; regulation game or extra inning game tied at end of full inning; regulation game or extra inning game when home team has tied score.					
On-Deck Batter	Not permitted - only lead-off batter out of dugout			Permitted - only leadoff batter out of dugout		
Protests	Playing Rule: Before next pitch/next play/attempted play					
	Mandatory Play or Ineligible pitcher: Before the umpires leave the playing field					
	Ineligible Player: As soon as facts are known; before next game					