

TVGSA Rules Summary					
	6U	8U	10U	12U	14U/Uppers
<b>Baseline Distance</b>	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet
<b>Pitching Distance</b>	Minimum 15 feet	30 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
<b>Softball</b>	10" RIF level 1	10" RIF level 1	11" RIF 10	12" Rawlings Dream Seam	12" Rawlings Dream Seam
<b>Players to Start Game</b>	6	8 (Less than 8 forfeit after 10 minutes)	8 (Less than 8 forfeit after 10 minutes)	8 (Less than 8 forfeit after 10 minutes)	8 (Less than 8 forfeit after 10 minutes)
<b>Game Time</b>	1 Hour Drop Dead	1:20 Drop Dead	1:20 No New Inning; 1:35 Drop Dead	1:20 No New Inning; 1:35 Drop Dead	1:20 No New Inning; 1:35 Drop Dead
<b>Max Innings</b>	N/A	6	7	7	7
<b>Batting Requirements</b>	Continuous Order, full roster each inning	Continuous Order	Continuous Order	Continuous Order	Continuous Order
<b>On-Deck Batter</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Defensive Players</b>	Up to 10 w/ 4 outfielders	Up to 10 w/ 4 outfielders	9	9	9
<b>Defensive Requirements</b>	Play every inning	Cannot sit out 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out 2 consecutive innings	Cannot sit out 2 consecutive innings
<b>Pitchers</b>	Coach throws 3 pitches. If no hit, swing from the tee until fair ball is hit.	During coach pitch only, max of 4 pitches to each batter. Coach/player combo - coach assumes the strike count. Player can strike out on coach pitch	Player Only	Player Only	Player Only
<b>Pitcher Development</b>	N/A	Week 1&2 - Coach pitch only; Weeks 3&4 - Player/Coach Combo; Weeks 5&6 and playoffs - player pitch only. Any player can pitch 2 innings	Any player may pitch up to 6 outs/game	Any player may pitch up to 6 outs/game	Any player may pitch
<b>Pitching Maximum (Evaluated Pitcher)</b>	N/A	2 innings/game (1 pitch to 3 outs = 1 inning)	No more than 18 outs in two consecutive games	No more than 24 outs in two consecutive games	Unlimited outs
<b>Base Stealing</b>	No	Yes, one base per pitch off of kid pitch. Home is closed. No advancement on an overthrow when stealing.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Look Back Rule</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	No	No	12 runs after 3 8 runs after 4 4 runs after 5	15 runs after 3 12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5	15 runs after 3 12 runs after 4 8 runs after 5
<b>Runs/Inning</b>	N/A	4	4	6	6
<b>Go-ahead</b>	N/A	In any inning, a team trailing by more than 4 runs may go ahead by 1 run	In any inning, a team trailing by more than 4 runs may go ahead by 1 run	In any inning, a team trailing by more than 6 runs may go ahead by 1 run	In any inning, a team trailing by more than 6 runs may go ahead by 1 run
<b>Dropped 3rd Strike</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Bunting</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Courtesy Runner</b>	No	Yes -Injury, ADA., or last out runner for Pitcher/Catcher	Yes -Injury, ADA., or last out runner for Pitcher/Catcher	Yes -Injury, ADA., or last out runner for Pitcher/Catcher	Yes -Injury, ADA., or last out runner for Pitcher/Catcher
<b>Season Standings</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Coaches on field</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Max Adults in dugout/on field</b>	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Protests</b>	No	No	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100
<b>Post-Season International Tiebreaker (ITB)</b>	N/A	No maximum runs. Pitchers with two innings maybe brought back into game	No maximum runs. Pitching outs count	No maximum runs. Pitching outs count	No Maximum runs.

Any situation not covered by TVGSA Local League playing rules and policy are covered by USA Softball rules.

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