

## Softball / Baseball Key Rules-at-a-Glance

*A complete list of rules is available within each MKL Recreation Department and at [HRCE.org](http://HRCE.org)*

	Innings / Time Limit (min)	Drop Dead (min)	Inning Run Rule	Game Run Rule	Leading Off?	Stealing?	Advancing on Passed Ball / Wild Pitch?	Number of Pitches (unlimited foul balls)	Dropped 3rd Strike Rule?	Infield Fly Rule?	Bunting?	Number of Defensive Players	Basepath Distance	Pitching Distance	Ball Size
<b>1/2 Softball</b>	4 / 60	55	6	NA	No	No	No	5 (coach pitch)	No	No	No	10 plus coach to backup catcher	60'	15' minimum	11'
<b>3/4 Softball</b>	5 / 60	55	6	12 after 3 10 after 4 8 after 5	No	No	No	4 by pitcher plus 2 by coach	No	No	No	10	60'	35'	11'
<b>5/6 Softball</b>	5 / 90	80	6	10 after 4	No, can leave base when ball leaves pitcher's hand	2nd/3rd - yes, home - no	Yes (including home)	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	60'	40'	11'
<b>7/8 Softball</b>	5 / 90	80	6	10 after 4	No, can leave base when ball leaves pitcher's hand	Yes, any base/plate	Yes (including home)	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	60'	43'	12'
<b>1/2 Baseball</b>	5 / 60	55	6	NA	No	No	No	5 (coach pitch)	No	No	No	10 plus coach to backup catcher	60'	15' minimum	regular leather hardball
<b>3/4 Baseball</b>	5 / 60	55	6	12 after 3 10 after 4 8 after 5	No	No	No	4 by pitcher plus 2 by coach	No	No	No	10	60'	43'	regular leather hardball
<b>5/6 Baseball</b>	5 / 90	80	6	10 after 4	Yes	2nd/3rd - yes, home - no	Yes (including home)	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	70'	46'	regular leather hardball

### Applied at ALL LEVELS

- All balls that are hit fair are live, regardless of distance
- One base allowed on an overthrow