

TVGSA Rules Summary					
	6U	8U	10U	12U	14U/Uppers
Baseline Distance	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Pitching Distance	Minimum 15 feet	30 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet
Softball	10" RIF level 1	10" RIF level 1	11" Rawlings Dream Seam	12" Rawlings Dream Seam	12" Rawlings Dream Seam
Players to Start Game	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)
Game Time	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
Max Innings	N/A	6	7	7	7
Batting Requirements	Continuous Order, full roster each inning	Continuous Order; Each player gets one (1) at bat. If the game has ended anyone that hasn't batted gets to bat with no effect on the outcome of the game.	Continuous Order; Each player gets one (1) at bat. If the game has ended anyone that hasn't batted gets to bat with no effect on the outcome of the game.	Continuous Order; Each player gets one (1) at bat. If the game has ended anyone that hasn't batted gets to bat with no effect on the outcome of the game.	Continuous Order; Each player gets one (1) at bat. If the game has ended anyone that hasn't batted gets to bat with no effect on the outcome of the game.
On-Deck Batter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Defensive Players	Up to 10 w/ 4 outfielders	Up to 10 w/ 4 outfielders	9	9	9
Defensive Requirements	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
Pitchers	Coach throws 3 pitches or 4 pitches if the 3rd pitch was fouled. If no hit, swing from the tee until fair ball is hit.	During coach pitch only, max of 3 pitches (unless last pitch is fouled) to each batter. Coach/player combo - coach assumes the strike count. Player can strike out on coach pitch (No walks)	Player Only	Player Only	Player Only
Pitcher Development	N/A	March 1st-7th - Coach pitch only; March 8th-14th - Player/Coach Combo (No Walks); March 15th on and playoffs - player pitch only. No walks with bases loaded in regular season 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
Pitching Maximum (Evaluated Pitcher)	N/A	2 innings/game (1 pitch to 3 outs = 1 inning)	No more than 18 outs in two consecutive games played	No more than 24 outs in two consecutive games played	Unlimited outs
Base Stealing	No	Yes, one base per pitch off of kid pitch. Home is closed. No advancement on an overthrow when stealing.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Look Back Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mercy Rule	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
Runs/Inning	N/A	4	4	6	6
Go-ahead	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
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bunting	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Courtesy Runner	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
Season Standings	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coaches on field	Yes	No	No	No	No
Max Adults in dugout/on field	4	4	4	4	4
Protests	No	No	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100	Yes, must inform plate umpire; \$100

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

Revised Date: 2/3/2025 (TVGSA Board Approved). In case of a discrepancy, TVGSA Rules & Regulations supercede this summary.