

BBSA Supplemental Rule Summary - Baseball (Update 2019-08-18)

Category / League	A	AA	AAA	Majors	Seniors	Minors Softball*	Majors Softball	Seniors Softball
Pitching								
Pitching Distance	N/A	42 Feet	46 feet	54 feet	60'-6"		43 ft.	43 ft.
Pitching Limits	N/A	2 Innings (consecutive) per player, per game	Refer to pitching limits; coach pitch after 4 balls ending week 3. Pitch limits used for daily limit, players may pitch multiple games if doubleheader. Catchers who pitch can only be used for two innings in each game if they also plan to pitch in both games (refer to 4 inning limit).	Pitching Limits	Pitching Limits	coach pitch coach pitch/player pitch. After mid year, assess opportunity for player pitch (player pitch 2 innings max) Play pitch 3 pitches then coach pitch till next batter.	3 innings max	3 innings max
Pitcher Return to the mound (ie pitch 1 inning, rest, then pitch another)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No
Curve balls allowed	N/A	No	No	No restrictions	No restrictions	No	Yes	Yes
Coaches Pitching	N/A	Coaches who come in to pitch after 4 balls must throw at least as fast as the starting pitchers, or the team's best pitcher.	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	Each batter will either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strikeout • Put the ball in play • Hit by pitch There are no walks due to bad pitches. The coach will come in to pitch for only the current batter when the count reaches 4 balls.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Each batter will either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strikeout • Put the ball in play • Hit by pitch There are no walks due to bad pitches. The coach will come in to pitch for only the current batter when the count reaches 3 pitches. Coach will pitch at least 2 stikes	N/A	N/A
Batting								
Bunting Allowed	No - 10 foot bunt line in place	No - 10 foot bunt line in place	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Butcher Bunt / Fake Bunt and then swinging Allowed	N/A	N/A	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Speed for Machine Pitch	30-35 MPH (48-56 KPH) to maintain a flat pitch at waist high for the average batter	30-35 MPH (48-56 KPH) to maintain a flat pitch at waist high for the average batter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Strikes	5 (no "called strikes)	3 (no "called strikes)	3	3	3	7 strike pitches. At the beginning of the season, feel free to pitch a few more. By mid season, if the batter does not get a hit after 7 strike pitches, she will be done with her at bat. This is not considered an "out" **** If Play Pitch: 3 strikes plus two "quality" coach pitches (minimum of 3 quality pitches)	3	3
Run Limit per inning	6	6	5	5	5	4	4	4

Last Inning run limit	6	6	10, or for trailing team in top of inning to get a 10 run lead. In bottom half, unlimited to tie, but 10 max to win.	10, or for trailing team in top of inning to get a 10 run lead. In bottom half, unlimited to tie, but 10 max to win.	No	4	unlimited	unlimited
Everyone bats in the lineup	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Defensive Time	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.	Every player plays at least two defensive innings before a player sits twice.
Walks Allowed	No	Yes, Only when a batter is hit by a pitch from a youth pitcher and an honest attempt was made by the batter to avoid the pitch.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Base Running								
Base Distances	60 Feet	60 Feet	60 Feet	80 Feet	90 Feet	60 Feet	60 Feet	60 Feet
Lead off rule	No lead offs	No lead offs	Lead offs after pitched ball	No restrictions	No restrictions	No lead offs	None	None
Stealing	None	None	Yes -starting in week 3	Yes	Yes	None	None	Yes
Stealing Home	N/A	N/A	Allowed starting week 4. Only if the throw from the catcher goes past the pitchers mound. (ie a bad throw, or an attempt to thrown out a runner at another base)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Dead Ball on Defense	Runners must stop at next base after outfielder attempts a throw	Runners must stop at next base after outfielder attempts a throw and infielder has controlled ball. If the infielder runs out to cut off the ball from the outfield, that does not considered controlled.	Ball in Pitchers Glove when pitcher is on or near mound	Only on Time outs	Only on Time outs	Runners must stop at next base after outfielder attempts a throw	Ball in Pitchers Glove when pitcher is on or near mound	Ball in Pitchers Glove when pitcher is on or near mound
Advance to next base on overthrows	No	Yes, only one base allowed, except if the overthrow occurs at third base, in which case no additional base will be given.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, at own risk	Yes, at own risk
Advance to next base on bad throw from catcher to pitcher.	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, at own risk	Yes, at own risk
Courtesy Runner for Catcher (by the player that made the most recent out)	N/A	Yes	Yes if 2 outs	Yes if 2 outs	Yes if 2 outs	Yes if 2 outs	Yes, if 2 outs	Yes, if 2 outs
Steal first on dropped 3rd strike (and 1st base is open)	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Scoring from Second	N/A	If a runner is on second and a ground ball is hit in the infield, the runner cannot score unless an overthrow occurs. To be clear, this means that when a throw is made to first or second to get an out, the runner from second cannot round third and score if the ball is controlled by the fielder at first or second base.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes on hits to the outfield	Yes	Yes
Safe Home**						Yes	No	No
Bat Restrictions								
Bat Spec	USA Baseball	USA Baseball	USA Baseball	USA Baseball -or- BBCOR	BBCOR			
Bat Diameter	2 5/8" Max	2 5/8" Max	2 5/8" Max	2 5/8" Max	2 5/8" Max	2 1/4" max	2 1/4" Max	2 1/4" Max
Bat Length	32" max	32" max	32" max	Not exceed 36"	Not exceed 36"	32" max	34" Max	34" Max
Bat Weight	Drop 13 or less	Drop 13 or less	Drop 13 or less	USA BAT - Drop 8 or less	Drop 3 or less (Drop =	Drop 13 or less	Drop 13 or less	Drop 13 or less

Helmet Rules								
For Batters	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
For Pitchers	Required	Recommended	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required	N/A	N/A
For players coaching bases	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Fielding								
Number of Fielders	10 (4 outfielders)	10 (4 outfielders)	9	9	9	Max of 10	Minimum of 8, Max of 10	Minimum of 8, Max of 10
Substitute players	Allowed from a lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from a lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from a lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from a lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from a lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from same or lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from same or lower league. Must bat last and play OF	Allowed from same or lower league. Must bat last and play OF
Playing Time	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense	Balanced playing time on defense
Positions	Player can only play the	Player can only play the	Player can only play the	N/A	N/A	Player can only play the	N/A	N/A
Game Length								
Number if innings	5	5	6	7	7	6	6	6
Game Time limits before	1 hr 20 minutes	1 hr 20 minutes	1 hour 45 minutes (no limit	2 hrs 15 minutes	2 hrs 15 minutes	2 hours max	1 hr 30 minutes	1 hr 30 minutes
10 run rule	No	No	No	Yes, after 5 innings.	Yes, after 5 innings.	No	No	No
Extra Innings (playoffs only for			The last 2 players to be out in	The last 2 players to be out in	The last 2 players to be out in	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mercy Rule	None	None	15 runs after 5 innings, or	10 runs after 5 innings	10 runs after 5 innings	None	None	None
Umpires								
	Coaches	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided	Umpires Provided

Notes for all leagues

A batted ball that hits the pitching machine or the coach that is "pitching" shall be considered a ground rule single.

For machine pitch, coaches pitch to their own batters.

Any ball that goes under the outfield fence shall be considered a ground rule double

No arguing with an umpire. An appeal on rules interpretations ay be made by the head coach only to the home plate umpire

Fence will be set to 165 feet on fields A1 and A2, and to 180 feet on B field

All batters, on deck hitters and base runners must wear a batting helmet

* Some rules can be modified based on the assessment of players skill. Changes should be agreed upon by both coaches

** Safe Home for players to run to on all scoring opportunities - play called like a force out situation