

NorCal Rules Summary - Updated & Released August 2021

| | 8-Under | 10-Under | 12-Under | 14-under/16-under |
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| Baseline Distance | 60 feet | 60 feet | 60 feet | 60 feet |
| Pitching Distance | 30 feet | 35 feet | 40 feet | 43 feet |
| Softball Size | 10" RIF 1 USA SOFTBALL approved | 11" RIF 10 or 11" USA SOFTBALL approved | 12" USA SOFTBALL approved | 12" USA SOFTBALL approved |
| Players to Start Game | 8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min | 8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min | 8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min | 8 players / Less than 8, forfeit after 10 min |
| Season Game Time | No new inning after 1:30 and finish inning | No new inning after 1:30 and finish inning | No new inning after 1:30 and finish inning | No new inning after 1:30 and finish inning |
| Innings per Game | 6 inning game. | 7 innings per game. | 7 inning per game. | 7 inning per game. |
| Season Play Tie-breaker | Only one extra inning to break tie. (No runner starts at 2 nd Base) If playing multiple games, No extra inning will be played in first game, game ends in a tie. | Only one extra inning to break tie. (No runner starts at 2 nd Base) | Only one extra inning to break tie. (No runner starts at 2 nd Base) | Only one extra inning to break tie. (No runner starts at 2 nd Base) |
| Tournament Tie-breaker | After time has expired & inning is completed, Last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 2 nd base. If after inning is completed and game still tied, last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 3rd base for all remaining innings until there is a winner. | After time has expired and inning is completed, Last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 2 nd base. If after inning is completed and game still tied, last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 3rd base for all remaining innings until there is a winner. | After time has expired and inning is completed, Last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 2 nd base. If after inning is completed and game still tied, last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 3rd base for all remaining innings until there is a winner. | After time has expired and inning is completed, Last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 2 nd base. If after inning is completed and game still tied, last batter scheduled to bat that half inning will be placed on 3rd base for all remaining innings until there is a winner. |
| Batting Requirements | Bat the roster up to 15 players. | May Bat the Line-up or only Defensive 9. | May Bat the Line-up or only Defensive 9. | May Bat the Line-up or only Defensive 9. |
| Defensive Players on Field of Play | 10 (must have 4 outfielders) | (9) When batting the line-up, free substitution on defense with players in batting lineup | (9) When batting the line-up, free substitution on defense with players in batting lineup | (9) When batting the line-up, free substitution on defense with players in batting lineup |
| Pitcher | Player - Coach after 4 balls, remaining strikes. (No walks) | Player | Player | Player |
| Pitching Limitation | 2 innings first 4 innings/ 3 innings max. per game | 4 innings maximum per game | 4 innings maximum per game | 4 innings maximum per game |
| Stealing | No Lead off when ball leaves pitcher's hand. | Yes Lead off when ball leaves pitcher's hand. | Yes Lead off when ball leaves pitcher's hand. | Yes Lead off when ball leaves pitcher's hand. |
| Stealing Home | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Mercy Rule | 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings | 15 runs after 3 innings 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings | 15 runs after 3 innings 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings | 15 runs after 3 innings 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings |
| Runs per inning | 4 runs max per half inning | 5 runs max per half inning | 5 runs max per half inning | 5 runs max per half inning |
| Dropped 3rd strike | No | Yes, to 1 st base only | Yes | Yes |
| Infield Fly Rule | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Courtesy Runners | For injury or Catcher. Must be last out. | Pitcher & Catcher only. anyone in lineup or sub off the bench. Cannot run for pitch & catcher in same game. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out, If 3 rd out, CR will lead off next inning. | Pitcher & Catcher only. anyone in lineup or sub off the bench. Cannot run for pitch & catcher in same game. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out, If 3 rd out, CR will lead off next inning. | Pitcher & Catcher only. anyone in lineup or sub off the bench. Cannot run for pitch & catcher in same game. If CR needs to bat, player she ran for will be out, If 3 rd out, CR will lead off next inning. |
| Max Approved Adults in Dugout | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Coaches on Field | Yes, Coach pitching. If batted ball hits Coach-Pitcher, Play is Dead, Batter get 1 st Base, & all other runners advance a base only if forced to next base by the batter. | No | No | No |
| Bunting | Yes, Only off player-pitcher. | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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