

Mansfield_Girls_Softball_Division_Rules.xls

Level	6 & UNDER	8 & UNDER	10 & UNDER
Game Length	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes
Number of Fielders	All players field	10 (4 outfielders)	10 (4 Outfielders)
Batting Order	All Players Bat	All Players Bat	All Players Bat
Pitching Distance	Coach Pitch	Coach Pitch	35 feet
Pitching Rules	Coach Pitch	Coach Pitch (Call strikes if nec) Girls pitch 2nd half of year w/ Coach behind her who can step in	Umpires (liberal strike zone) Pitcher limited to 3 innings per game
Bases	50 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Run Limits	Go through Lineup	Go through Lineup or 3 outs whichever comes first	4 per inning (except last inning)
Infield Fly Rule	N/A	No	No (umpire's judgment)
Dropped Third Strike	N/A	No	No
Tagging Up on Fly Balls	N/A	Yes	Yes
Leading	No	No	Yes, after ball leaves pitcher's hand
Stealing	No	No	Yes, one base at time. No stealing of home
Overthrows			
Out-of-play	No	One Base	One Base
In-play	No	One Base	All the player can get
Batter Hit by Pitch			Batter takes first but must make an effort to avoid being hit. Pitcher must be removed after 3 hit batters in a game (bounced pitches do not count for this rule)
	N/A	N/A	
Sliding	N/A	Required on all close plays	Required on all close plays

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Level	12 & Under / 14 & Under
Game Length	90 minutes - 6 innings. No inning may start after 7:20 pm.
Number of Fielders	10 (4 Outfielders). If team has 9 players, game continues w/3 outfielders - no forfeit.
Batting Order	All Players bat
Pitching Distance	40 feet/ 43 feet. Pitchers limited to 3 innings per game
Bases	60 feet
Run Limits	4 per inning (12) / 5 per inning (14). Coaches must decide on what's last inning based upon time
Infield Fly Rule	In Effect
Dropped Third Strike	In Effect
Tagging Up on Fly Balls	Yes
Leading	Yes. After ball leaves pitcher's hand.
Stealing	Yes. After ball leaves pitcher's hand.
Overthrows	Runners may advance on overthrows at their own risk. Play stops when the ball is out of play or in the pitcher's circle.
Bunting	Yes
Batter Hit by Pitch	Batter takes first but must make an effort to avoid being hit. Pitcher must be removed after 3 hit batters in a game (bounced pitches do not count for this rule)
Sliding	Yes, Required on all close plays
Coaches on Field	No
Bases on Balls	The batter may advance to 2nd base at her own risk if ball is not within the pitching circle.