



2019 SRVGAL Rules Matrix

This Matrix is a quick reference GUIDE and in the event there is a conflict with the Operating rules, the Operating rules will be followed.

updated 1/30/19

yellow highlight = 2019 changes

	Pre K / K	1st / 2nd Grade	3rd / 4th Grade			5th / 6th Grade			7th / 8th Grade			High School Division
			White	Blue	Red	White	Blue	Red	White	Blue	Red	
Regulation Game in minutes	75	90	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
Regulation Game in innings	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Extra Innings?	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Game Ball	10" Incred	11" Incred	11" Incred	11" Incred	11" Incred	12" Leather	12" Leather	12" Leather	12" Leather	12" Leather	12" Leather	12" Leather
Baseline Distance (ft)	50'	55'	55'	55'	60'	60'	60'	60'	60'	60'	60'	60'
Pitch Distance (ft)	35'	35'	35'	35'	35	35'	35'	40'	40'	40'	40'	43'
15 ft. 'Fair but Foul' arc	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
15 Foot Commit Line	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no
Defensive Players	10	10	10	9	9	10	9	9	10	9	9	9
Pitcher	adult/T-Ball	adult	player/adult	player/adult	player	player/adult	player	player	player	player	player	player
Pitcher's limit	N/A	N/A	3 Innings	3 Innings	3 Innings	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings	4 innings
Five (5) run/inn rule**	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Ten (10) batter/inn rule	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Batting limits	7 swings	5 pitch/3 strike	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal	normal
Strike Zone	N/A	N/A	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	TOS:BOK	AP:TOK	AP:TOK	AP:TOK
Bunting	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Dropped Third Strike	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
Lead Off Base after ball...	..is hit	..X's plate	..X's plate	..X's plate	..leaves hand	..X's plate	..X's plate	..leaves hand	..X's plate	..X's plate	..leaves hand	..leaves hand
Base Stealing***	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Stealing Home Allowed***	N/A	N/A	N/A	no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes
Ball-on-Infield Limits Runner	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Infield play:innings/game	Rotate *	1	1	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minimum def. dist. to plate	35'	35'	35'	35'	35'	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minimum outfielder rule	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no
Infield Masks - 1st/3rd/Pitcher	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Infield Fly Rule	no	no	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes

* in Pre K/K- Players must be moved every inning and an individual player may only play any position 1 inning a game

** through the 4th inning in 3/4 Blue and HS, through 5th inning in all other divisions

*** NEW RULE FOR 2019: For 3/4 Red Division, Stealing of second and third base is allowed per current USA Softball Rules except on a batter that draws a walk may not progress past first base until a pitch is thrown to a new batter. A runner at third base may not advance on a wild pitch or a passed ball. However, if the catcher makes a play on the runner at third, a play on another runner or overthrows the return throw to the pitcher, the runner at third may attempt to advance with liability to be put out. Runners may not leave a base until the pitched ball LEAVES THE PITCHER'S HAND. A runner attempting to advance beyond first base on a walk may be tagged out while between bases, however not while in contact with a base. After all play ceases and the ball is dead, a runner who occupies a base beyond first base, will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out. For the avoidance of doubt, even if the catcher makes a play to another base attempting to put a different runner out trying to steal second or third, the batter who is walked may not advance past first base until the pitcher pitches to a new batter.