

2019 MAJORS Rec softball rules Overview

Batting

- A batter may not advance to first base on a dropped third strike
- There are no limitations of batter/base runner advancement once the ball is in play. **The runner can no longer advance once the pitcher has the ball in the circle**
- In the event of an overthrow, the runner advances one base.

Stealing

- Leading is permitted after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
- Base runner can steal on release of the ball from the pitcher
- Base runners can only steal one base per pitch (including passed balls), **no advancing on an overthrow or error on a steal.**
- No stealing home. This includes passed balls. If a pickoff attempt is made and the ball goes into the outfield, the runner is awarded the next base, including home if it's 3rd base.

Pitching

- Girls are expected to pitch the entire game at this level.
- All pitchers must pitch from the rubber @40 feet

General

- Games are normally scheduled for 6 innings. Each team is allowed 4 runs per inning maximum. The last inning for both teams is unlimited runs. If daylight or timing is an issue, both Managers make a mutual decision with the umpire to allow enough time to play a final full inning
- No Infield Fly rule
- **All players must play at least 2 innings in the infield .Coach's discretion can be used for 1B, catcher and pitcher if there is a potential safety issue. Keep in mind that most games do not run the full 6 innings, so Managers should plan accordingly. (In other words don't plan on playing the worst players in the infield the last 2 innings, which may never come). Catcher and pitcher are both regarded as infield positions.**
- General lineup is 4 outfielders and the entire team is in the batting order.
- **No swinging of bats in the on-deck circle or anywhere besides home plate.**
- There is no arguing with umpires.