

D12 and RLL House Softball Rules

Junior Minors / Rookie (ages 7,8,9)	Soft-B (ages 8,9,10)	Soft-A (9,10,11,12)	Soft-J (juniors) - ages 12,13,14
11 inch Ball (RIF permitted)	11 inch ball	12 inch ball	12 inch ball
35 feet	35 feet	40 feet	40 feet
Max. 5 runs per inning	Max. 5 runs per inning. Any runs scored on an over the fence home run would be counted irrespective of the 5 run limit - up to 8 runs could be recorded in this event	No new batter after 6th run scores; a play must be made. (up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)	No new batter after 6th run scores; a play must be made. (up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)
Local rule: no new inning after 1:45, stop time at 1:50	Local rule: no new inning after 1:45, stop time at 1:50	Local rule: no new inning after 1:45, stop time at 1:50	Local rule: no new inning after 1:45, stop time at 1:50
6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings
Coach pitch only	1. Player pitch first then coach pitch after a walk. 2. If a batter is hit by a player pitched ball, the batter MUST go to 1st base. 3. Upon ball 4, the hitting team's coach will pitch starting with the number of strikes in the count (continuous count). 4. The coach will pitch to the batter and the umpire will continue to call balls and strikes. Upon strike 3, the batter is out. 5. Example: If the batter has a count of 1 strike upon ball 4 being called, the batter will be given two more strikes to hit the ball or strike out... 6. There is a limit of 6 pitches that a coach may throw until the ball is put in play or the batter strikes out. 7. A ball accidentally fielded by the coach pitcher shall be considered a "do-over". No Coaching From The Mound!! 8. This does not include the coach-pitcher telling the batter how many pitches she has left and that she must swing at the sixth and last coach pitch. 9. This rule specifically refers to coaching base runners from the mound, which is prohibited. 10. Coach must pitch from mound. 11. No base running limit during D12 play.	Player pitch	Player pitch
No Stealing	Only 2 attempts to steal home per inning. Leave when pitch reaches the batter. Unlimited steals between 1st and 2nd and 2nd and third.	Unlimited stealing. Leave on release	Unlimited stealing. Leave on release
No Bunting	Bunting is permitted. Slap bunting is not permitted and will result in an out. Slap bunting is when the hitter "shows" bunt by taking a bunting stance and then pulls the bat back and hits away, usually "slapping" at the ball. Slap hitting IS allowed. Slap hitting is where the batter, usually from the left side, takes a half swing at the ball trying to hit it while starting to run towards first base. Fake bunting is permitted.	See Soft-B	All type of bunting permitted
Continuous batting order - see Soft-B	<u>Continuous batting order including all players present at the start of the game. Free defensive substitution provided mandatory play is met. (Rule 4.04 page 64). Mandatory play is one at bat and six consecutive defensive outs.</u>	Continuous batting order see Soft-B	Continuous batting order see Soft-B
Players on field: 9 maximum, 6 minimum	Players on the field: 9	Players on the field: 9	Players on the field: 9
NA	By the book. Pitchers by the book	By the book. Pitchers by the book	
8ft Pitcher's circle	8ft Pitcher's circle	8ft. Pitcher's circle	8 ft Pitcher's circle
No infield fly Rule	No infield fly rule	Infield fly rule	Infield fly rule
No dropped third strike	No dropped third strike	Dropped third strike	Dropped third strike
NA	See pg 38, Section VI - pitchers for all rules. If a player pitches in more than one (1) inning, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a game. A player may pitch a maximum of six (6) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.	See pg 38, Section VI - pitchers for all rules. If a player pitches in more than one (1) inning, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. A player may pitch in a maximum of nine (9) innings in a game. A player may pitch in a maximum of eighteen (18) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning. Only a summary see rules for all details.	See pg 38, Section VI - pitchers for all rules. If a player pitches in less than five (5) innings, no rest is required. If a player pitches in five (5) or more innings, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed. A player may pitch in a maximum of ten (10) innings in a day, and a maximum of thirty (30) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday.
	After game 5 (house ball games only counted) Coach pitcher will not relieve pitcher unless two consecutive batters are walked.		
	Chart pitchers innings in the score book	Chart pitchers innings in score book	Chart pitchers innings in score book