

2026 Minor League Softball Local Rules

Below are commonly requested rule clarifications and local rules:

1. Max 6 innings per game, minimum of 4 per game
 - a. **Max 1.5 hours per game**

2. **No on deck position/batter.** All on deck players must remain inside the dugout, **behind the fence**, during each inning

3. At the beginning of the game discuss the following:
 - a. Determine starting count for batters.
 - i. For example: Batters start with a 2-0 count.

Player pitch until ball 4, then coach pitch. No walks or hit by pitch; the batter can either strike out or hit the ball into play

 - b. After a hit, if the ball reaches the outfield use discretion on the number of bases taken by the runner. Otherwise, one base per hit

4. **Runs per Inning (Local Rule):** 3 outs or max 5 runs per half inning (whichever comes first)

5. No stealing off

6. Limit the number of adults on the field for the defensive team (e.g. one adult behind the catcher)

7. **Pitching Distances**
 - i. 35ft Distance, 11 inch ball
 - ii. Home team supplies the mound