

GBSA Softball Rule Comparison by League

RULE	MOSQUITO (1-2)	INTERMEDIATE (3-4)	MAJOR (5-6)
Field Size	55 feet	60 feet	60 feet
Game Length	5 innings 90 minutes drop dead	5 innings 105 minutes no new innings 135 min drop dead	6 innings 105 minutes no new innings 135 min drop dead
Size of Softball	11"	11"	12"
Pitching Distance	Coach Pitch Only	32 feet	37 feet
Playing Time	2 Innings 1 inning in infield	3 innings 1 inning in infield must play two different positions in first 3 innings	4 innings 1 inning in infield must play two different positions in first 4 innings
Inning Length	8 batters or 3 outs	8 batters, 4 runs, or 3 outs	8 batters, 4 runs, or 3 outs
Bunting	No	No	Yes
Stealing	No	No	Allowed. Home can only be stolen if a play has been made to stop a player from stealing an alternative base.
Defense	9 players – no catcher, 4 outfielders	10 players – 4 outfielders	9 players – only play 4 outfielders if coaches agree
Infield Fly	No	No	No
Double First Base	Yes	Yes	Yes
Overthrows	Runner advances one base.	Runner advances one base.	Advance as much as possible
Pitching Circle	Play ends when ball is in circle (possession is not necessary)	Play ends when ball is in circle (possession is not necessary)	Play ends when there is possession in the pitching circle.
Sliding	Not required	Player should attempt to slide; umpire can call out if intent to injure.	Players should slide.
Base Running	Must stop once the infielder has possession of the ball.	Must stop once ball is inside pitching circle (possession is not needed)	Must stop once ball is inside pitching circle (possession is not needed)

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Drop 3 rd Strike	No	No	No
Coach Pitch	Yes	Only after 2 consecutive walks (not including hit batter). Coach comes in and pitches 3 pitches to second girl walked	No
Innings Pitched	None	No more than 2 Hits 3 batters in one inning – must be removed	No more than 3 5 th grader must pitch 1 inning Hits 3 batters in one inning – must be removed
Intentional Walks	No	No	No

***For additional information please refer to complete league rules on the GBSA website.