

Fast Pitch Softball Rules

Girls Minor Ages 9-10	1 hr. 20 min. / finish inning	6 innings	3 run limit – 1 st thru 3 rd inning 5 run limit-4 th thru 6 th inning
Girls Ages 11-18	1 hr. 20 min. / finish inning	7 innings	5 run limit – 1 st thru 3 rd inning 10 run inning – 4 th thru 6

1. Teams may play ten (10) players on defense, four (4) of which must be in the grass when the pitch is thrown.

2. Player substitutions on defense are unlimited. All players must play six (6) defensive outs.

3. **9-10 Division Only:**

Stealing:

- Base runner may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand
- Base runner may only steal one base at a time.
- Batter may not steal first (1st) on a drop third strike.
- Base runner may not steal when a coach / pitcher is pitching.
- No one may advance on an over-throw while stealing
- Base runner may steal home.

Pitching:

- Teams must use at least two (2) pitchers in every game.
- Each pitcher is limited to three (3) innings.
- Starting pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher if she has not exhausted her three (3) innings.
- Batter may take her base if hit by pitcher in accordance with ASA rules.
- The "No Walk" rules will be in effect.

In the event a player / pitcher throws four (4) balls to a batter, the batter will not be awarded first base. A coach / pitcher will enter the field after the previous play is ruled dead and pitch a maximum of two (2) pitches to the batter. No "called strikes" will be called when the coach / pitcher is pitching. The strike count does not carry over. The batter must hit one (1) of the pitches fair or she will be out, unless it results in a foul ball, which will not result in an out by the batter. The batter will continue until she either strikes out or puts the ball in play. Batters may not bunt off of a coaches' pitch. Batter may not take her base if hit by a coach pitch. Coach / Pitcher hit by a batted ball will be ruled a dead-ball.

4. Pitchers may not pitch with anything on the pitching wrist or hand.
5. The "Infield fly" rule is in effect.
6. The "Look Back" rule is in effect.

Look Back Rule: When a runner is legally off their base after a pitch, or as a result of a batter completing her turn at bat, she must attempt to advance to the next base or immediately return to the base left while the pitcher has the ball within the 8' radius of the pitcher's plate.