

**NJBL SOFTBALL MODIFIED RULES
UPDATED FOR SUMMER 2011**

ALL DIVISIONS MUST WEAR CHIN STRAPS AND FACE GUARDS

Run Rule for divisions 12U, 14U, 16U - 10 runs after 4
Run Rule for division 10U - 10 runs after 3

Teams must have equal at bats

No new inning can start 2 hours after first pitch

THERE IS NO DP RULE - Team may bat up to 2 EH's, OR teams may bat a universal batting order.
This is at the coach's discretion

Courtesy runners may run for the pitcher or catcher at any time, using the last 2 batted outs

There is NEVER an automatic out if a team loses a player in the lineup due to injury

Pitcher shall be removed by the umpire if she hits 3 batters in an inning, or 5 batters in a game

ASA RULES APPLY IF NOT LISTED ON THIS PAGE

DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES

| | 10U | 12u | 14u | 16u |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BALL SIZE | 11" | 12" | 12" | 12" |
| PITCHING DISTANCE | 35' | 40' | 43' | 43' |
| RUNNER MAY LEAVE | When Ball Crosses Plate | On Release | On Release | On Release |
| PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL PITCH | BALL | ASA | ASA | ASA |
| DROPPED 3RD STRIKE | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| INFIELD FLY | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| # OF INNINGS BY PITCHER IN A DAY | 6 Innings | 7 Innings | 7 Innings | 7 Innings |
| OUTFIELDERS | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| OFFICIAL GAME | 3 Innings | 4 Innings | 4 Innings | 4 Innings |

NO EXTRA INNINGS