

Tri County Softball
All Rules

1. TEAMS MUST PITCH TO OPPOSING TEAM.
2. PLAYERS ARE ABLE TO STEAL AFTER THE BALL CROSSES HOME PLATE. THERE IS ONLY 1 BASE ALLOWED AT A TIME. RUNNERS CANNOT ADVANCE ON AN OVERTHROW.
3. THE BATTER IS OUT ON THE THIRD STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE BALL IS CAUGHT. THE BALL REMAINS LIVE.
4. AN INNING SHALL BE COMPLETE WHEN:
 - A) THERE ARE 3 OUTS OR
 - B) FIVE (5) RUNS.
5. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD SHALL BE NINE (9).
6. NO AUTOMATIC OUTS IF LESS THEN NINE (9) PLAYERS.
7. NO SWITCHING OF PLAYERS FROM ONE TEAM TO ANOTHER.
8. COMPETENT UMPIRES ARE REQUIRED FOR THE SEASON AND 1 CARDED UMPIRE FOR THE YEAR END TOURNAMENT.
9. THE INNING IS COMPLETE ONCE FIVE(5) RUNS HAVE SCORED. **NO PLAYER LEFT ON BASE SHALL RETURN TO THAT BASE NEXT INNING.**
10. NO NEW INNING TO START AFTER ONE (1) HOUR UNLESS AGREED UPON BY BOTH COACHES.
11. ALL CATCHERS MUST WEAR AN APPROVED THROAT GUARD, MASK AND HELMET AS WELL AS A CHEST PROTECTOR JOCK/JILL AND SHIN PADS AS PER SOFTBALL CANADA RULES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
12. ALL BATTERS AND RUNNERS MUST WEAR HELMETS WITH FACE GUARD FASTENED SECURELY TO THE HEAD BY A STRAP FITTED UNDER THE CHIN AS PER SOFTBALL CANADA RULES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
13. MITES USE AN 11" BALL. THE PITCHING DISTANCE IS 30' AND THE BASE DISTANCE IS 45'.
14. RULES NOT COVERED SEE SOFTBALL CANADA.