

Softball Quick Facts

- 1. Eligible Players-** Each team must have 10 players (3 females in the field). If only 2 females, team must take an automatic out at the end of the batting order.
Minimum of 8 players (2 females). Females – 1 in the infield, 1 outfield.
- 2. Field and Equipment**
 - a. Only ASA certified bats are acceptable.
 - b. All batters must wear helmets.
 - c. No metal cleats
- 3. The Game-** The game will begin with a coin toss deciding home team and away team.
 - a. 7 innings or 45 minutes, no full inning can start after 45 minutes.
 - b. Mercy Rule- 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 4 innings.
- 4. Pitching-** Pitchers pitch the ball to opposing team. Pitches must stay in between 6 and 12 feet.
 - a. If 2 outs and male batter is up and female is on deck, the male may not be walked to get to the female batter. If so, male gets second base and female gets the option of 1st base or batting.
- 5. Batting-** Players cannot bat out of order- if discovered after bat, then automatic out and all runs from that batter do not count.
 - a. If batter hits 2 foul balls, they are out.
 - b. Throwing bats = automatic out
- 6. Base Running-** If a fair ball bounces, rolls over, under, through a fence or in a dugout, the runners are awarded 2 bases at the time of the pitch.
 - a. No stealing bases
 - b. Any head first sliding = automatic out
 - c. Players must slide if there is a close play or they are out.
 - d. Infield Fly Rule- If runners are on bases at 1st and 2nd or at all 3 and there is a popup in the infield it is an automatic out.

