

# NJBL SOFTBALL MODIFIED RULES

- THE LEAGUE SUGGESTS ALL DIVISIONS WEAR CHIN STRAPS AND FACE GUARDS
  - Run rule for divisions 12u and older – 10 runs after 4 inn
  - Run rule for division 10 and under – 10 runs after 3 inn
    - Teams must have equal at bats
    - No new inning can start 2 hours after 1<sup>st</sup> pitch
    - No new inning can start 2 hours after first pitch in a regular game, 3 hours in 9 inning game
- THERE IS NO DP/FLEX 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
- A team may start and play with eight players. Anytime there is a vacant slot in the batting order, an automatic out will be recorded. This is a MANDATORY out UNLESS the player was removed from the game after suffering an injury during the game. There is no flexibility with this rule- the managers may not override this rule. If a ninth player arrives, he may be inserted into the game in the vacant slot and is considered a starting player. There is NEVER an automatic out if a team loses a player in the lineup due to injury
- Pitcher is removed, as a pitcher, by the umpire if she hits 3 batters in an inning, or 5 batters in a game.
- If a manager, coach or fan is ejected from the first game of a DH they are also ejected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

## ASA RULES APPLY IF NOT LISTED ON THIS PAGE

### DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES

	8U	10U	12U	14, 16U, 18U
BALL SIZE	11"	11"	12"	12"
PITCHING DISTANCE	30'	35'	40'	43'
RUNNER MAY LEAVE	When ball crosses plate	When ball crosses plate	On release from pitcher	On release from pitcher
PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL PITCH	Ball	Ball	ASA	ASA
DROPPED 3 <sup>RD</sup> STRIKE	No	No	Yes	Yes
INFIELD FLY	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
# OF INNINGS BY PITCHER IN A DAY	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings	7 innings
OUTFIELDERS	4	4	3	3
OFFICIAL GAME	3 innings	3 innings	4 innings	4 innings

**NO EXTRA INNINGS EXCEPT SUMMER PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**