

PHBSA Girls Softball Rules - Updated 5/9/2022				
	9U Girls	11U Girls	14U Girls	Major (13+)
General Game Rules				
# Innings	up to 6	up to 6	up to 6	7
Mercy Rule	No Score Kept	15 after 4; 10 after 5	15 after 4; 10 after 5	15 after 3; 10 after 5
Open Inning	No	Final Inning	Final Inning	All
Fielding				
# Players on Field	7-10	8-10 (up to 4 OF)	8-10 (up to 4 OF)	8-9
Infield Face Mask	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended
Infield fly	No	No	Yes	Yes
Outfield	Every player plays OF at least 2 innings	Every player plays OF at least 2 innings	Every player plays OF at least 2 innings	MHSAA
Pitching				
Coach Pitch	1st half of season= Coach Only 2nd half of season= After Player	No	No	No
Player Pitch	1st half of season= No 2nd half of season= Before Coach	Yes	Yes	Yes
Style	Fastpitch; Swing Open; K; Slow Pitch *1st few games may use tee for some players on final pitch	Fastpitch; Swing Open; K;	Fastpitch	Fastpitch
# Pitches	Coaches to communicate about player skill level. 1st half of season Coach Pitch Only. 3 strikes (out) or up to 6 Coach Pitches (out, no walk). 2nd half of season Player Pitches up to 3 pitches (out, prevents walk) + up to 3 Coach Pitches (out, no walk). Individual player pitches maximum 2 innings.	Individual player pitches maximum 9 outs/3 innings (at least 6/2 innings must be consecutive). Coaches encouraged to develop multiple pitchers.	Individual player pitches maximum 9 outs/3 innings (at least 6/2 innings must be consecutive). Coaches encouraged to develop multiple pitchers.	No limit (with safety in mind)
Ball Size	10" (11" if 10" unavailable)	11"	12"	12"
Distance	front of circle to 35'	35'	40'	43'
Hits Batter	Hit 2- Coach Approach Hit 3- Pulled for Game	Hit 2- Coach Approach Hit 3- Pulled for Game	Hit 2- Coach Approach Hit 3- Pulled for Game	Hit 2- Coach Approach Hit 3- Pulled for Game
Face Mask	Required	Required	Required	Recommended
Hitting				
Lineup	Bat entire roster (unless 3 outs).	Bat entire roster (unless 3 outs).	Bat entire roster (or bat 9/10, optional) (unless 3 outs)	MHSAA
Run Limit	5 run limit per inning	5 run limit per inning (except open inning)	5 run limit per inning (except open inning)	
Bunts	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thrown Bat	Warning. Warning. Umpire's Discretion.	Warning Warning Out	Warning Warning Out	MHSAA
Hit By Pitch	No Walk	Walk	Walk	Walk
Baserunning				
Base Distance	up to 60'	60'	60'	60'
Stealing	No	Yes- lead off on the pitch; 1x/inning steal home;	Yes- lead off on the pitch; 1x/inning steal home;	Yes- on the pitch
Drop Third Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes
Courtesy Runner (for Pitcher and Catcher)	No	Last out (for catcher if 2 outs).	Last out (for catcher if 2 outs).	MHSAA

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