



CSAA SOFTBALL SPEC SHEET

GAME DURATION	Junior High School	High School
Innings	5	6
Official Game	3 innings	4 innings
Game Length	1.5 hours	2 hours
Mercy Rule	10 runs after 3rd inning	10 runs after 4th inning
FIELD DIMENSIONS	Junior High School	High School
Pitching Distance	38 feet	43 feet
Bases	60 feet	60 feet
GAME EQUIPMENT	Junior High School	High School
Game balls	12 inch soft training ball	12 inch hard optic yellow softball (.47 cor, 375 lbs compression, optic yellow, red stitch)
Bats	USA Softball 2000, 2004, or 2013 certification mark	USA Softball 2000, 2004, or 2013 certification mark
Field Equipment (Home team responsible for bringing)	Home Plate	Home Plate
	Pitching rubber	Pitching rubber
	Double orange/white safety 1st base	Double orange/white safety 1st base
	2 field bases	2 field bases
PLAYER EQUIPMENT	Junior High School	High School
Pitcher Facemask	Optional	Yes
Catcher's Gear	Hockey style catcher's mask with NOCSAE label	Hockey style catcher's mask with NOCSAE label
	Chest protector with SEI/NOCSAE label	Chest protector with SEI/NOCSAE label
	Shin guards	Shin guards
	Catcher's mitt	Catcher's mitt
Helmets	Double earflap with NOCSAE label	Double earflap with NOCSAE label
Cleats	Molded plastic	Molded plastic
GAMEPLAY RULES	Junior High School	High School
End of inning	3 outs or bat-around through lineup	3 outs or bat-around through lineup
Stealing bases	Only allowed if pitcher drops return throw from catcher	Allowed after pitcher releases the ball
Advance on Dropped 3rd Strikes??	Not Allowed	Allowed
Fielders	9 or 10	9 or 10
Pitching	Slow pitch	Fast pitch
SAFETY RULES		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine must be present and visible at the field 2. Only adults can coach at 1st base and 3rd base 3. Only players/coaches/managers in uniform are allowed in the dugout 4. A team must have at least eight (8) players in uniform by 15 minutes after the designated start time or game is a forfeit 5. If the 9th player does not arrive by 20 minutes after the designated start time, the game will be declared a forfeit. 6. Sliding is mandatory on all close plays. All sliding must be feet first. No sliding at 1st base 		