

# Softball

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## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

Softball is to be conducted under the official rules of Softball Australia. The following rules & regulations will apply.

The SIS Code of Conduct essential points must be clearly read out by the umpire to both teams & signed by the umpire & coaches before the game commences.

### **Team Requirements**

1. A maximum of 9 players are permitted to take the field.
2. Schools may have unlimited substitutes.
3. Substitutes may be made at any time after notifying the umpire but a player once removed from the game cannot return, except as a coach.

### **Match Requirements**

1. Matches are to commence at 1.00pm, or as otherwise agreed by both schools.
2. The host school will ensure the grounds are accurately & clearly marked.
3. The pitching distance for intermediates is 12.20m  
The pitching distance for juniors is 10m.
4. The ball size is 11 inch – softcore.
5. The host school will book & provide umpires in accordance with SIS requirements.  
An Independent Umpire or a host school trained staff member that is not the coach.

### **Sport Specific Playing Conditions**

1. *Time or seven innings* will be considered the end of match.
2. Time must be decided before the match starts & the score taken back to even innings if the batting team is not out when time is reached.
3. Positional changes on the field may be made at any time.
4. 7 run rule – innings over when 3 outs or 7 runs scored.
5. The infield FLY rule is played.
6. Passed ball, infield & outfield error all awards a base runner 1 base.
7. There is no restriction on the number of players in the diamond, however no player can get within a closer distance to the batter than the pitcher.
8. Players can sneak bases up until the Mercy Rule is applied.
9. The **Mercy Rule** margin is 10 runs. The rule will apply if a team is leading by 10 runs or more at any stage during the game. The winning team must not have double plays & must change pitcher & refrain from sneaking bases to enable the losing team a better chance to gain runs.
10. Any player sent off for misconduct may not be replaced.
11. For a result to be declared the match must have completed a minimum of 1 innings. If a game is abandoned during the course of play & a result has not been reached, then the  
Match will be declared a draw.