



SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL RULE

MORONGO VALLEY YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

These rules are in place to promote fair play, safety, and a positive experience for all players, coaches, and families. Our goal is to create an environment where athletes can develop skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game while maintaining respect for teammates, opponents, and officials.

- Each batter 8 years of age and older will be allowed 3 strikes or four balls and two foul balls with two strikes.
- Each pitch must be thrown underhand and must reach a height that is over the batter's head and not more than twelve feet high.
FLAT BALLS: 3 flat balls = 1 ball. If an additional 2 flat balls are thrown, equaling a total of 5 flat balls, the pitcher will be moved to a different position, and the player will be given first base.
- All infielders must be behind the baseline until the ball is hit.
- Five runs will be allowed per inning until the last inning, which will be unlimited. A 15-run lead will call the game or allow the other team to bat, depending on the time left in the game.
- Helmets must be worn when batting, running, and on deck. No offensive players are allowed on the field when the team is batting.
- All players must have the chance to bat and play on the field unless disciplinary actions have been taken.
- Eight players minimum and ten players maximum will be allowed on the field during any inning.
- No more than 4 players may be thirteen years of age or older on the field unless the opposing team is equal.
- If a team has less than eight players, they may borrow players from other teams of the same age, with approval from the head coach and MVSL board.
- Due to time constraints, games must start on time. Ten minutes after start time, the game will be called by the umpire.
- Batting line-ups must be given to the scorekeeper fifteen minutes before the game is to start. (All players are to line up in front of the scorekeeper to verify the line-up.)
- If the game is called, both coaches will agree with the score of the last inning played for the game.
- No base stealing or leading off.
- No bat throwing.
- No metal cleats.
- No wooden bats.
- Games will be one hour.
- If there are any problems with parents or fans, **ONE WARNING** shall be given. If the problem persists, the game will be halted, and the person shall be asked to wait outside the fence for their child. If the problem still continues, the problem fan's team will forfeit the game.
- **The umpire has the final say. (No arguing with the umpire.)**