

2017 BAJA GIRLS SOFTBALL RULES MATRIX

	6U	8U	10U	12U	14U, 16U, 18U
FIELD & EQUIPMENT					
Ball Size	10" RIF	11" RIF	11"	12"	12"
Field Dimensions	45'	55' (60')	60'	60'	60'
Pitching Distance	28' MAX	32'	35'	40'	40'
GAME MANAGEMENT					
Coach pitch after 4 called balls		X			
Infield/Outfield	NA	1in/1out	NA	NA	NA
Max innings pitched per game	NA	2	2 of 4	3 of 5	4 of 5
# players batting	entire roster	entire roster	entire roster	entire roster	entire roster
Min # players to play	5	8	8	8	8
Max# players on defense		10	9	9	9
GAME PLAY					
Strike zone-top	NA	top of shoulder	arm pits	arm pits	arm pits
Strike zone-bottom	NA	bottom of knees	top of knees	top of knees	top of knees
Stealing	NO	NO	1 base/pitch	YES	YES
Stealing Home	NO	NO	YES ¹	YES	YES
Run on dropped 3rd strike	NA	NO	NO	YES	YES
Run limit/inning	NA	3 for 3	4 for 3	4 for 3	4 for 3
Runner leaving base	after hit	after hit	after release	after release	after release
Pitcher hit batters (limit)	na	2/inning	2/inning	2/inning	2/inning
Ball slips from pitcher's hand	na	ball/dead	ball/dead	ball/live	ball/live
Batter hit by coach		ball			
Infield Fly Rule	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
Running on overthrow @1st	NO	See Text ²	YES	YES	YES
Play Stops	See Text	See Text ³	8' circle	8'circle	8'circle
Illegal Pitch	NA	Correct 1st	Call it	Call it	Call it
Sliding	NO	NO	feet first only	feet first only	feet first only
Tagging up after caught fly	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
REGULATION GAME					
Time Limit (no new inning)	1 hour	1 hour, 20 min	1 hour, 30 min	1 hour, 30 min	1 hour, 30 min
Time Limit (drop dead)	NA	1 hour, 40 min	1 hour, 50 min	1 hour, 50 min	1 hour, 50 min
Mercy Rule	NA	NA	8 after 4	10 after 4	10 after 4
# innings for regulation game	4	4	5	6	7
min # innings for complete game	NA	3	3	4	4
# umpires per scheduled game	NA	1	1	2	2

¹(10U Division) A runner on 3rd may not steal home on a passed ball or a wild pitch. See 10U rules for detailed explanation

²(8U Division) An overthrow into either foul territory stop the play. See paragraph 10f in the 8U section.

³(8U Division) there are two cases for ending play whether the ball is hit to the infield or outfield. See paragraph 10d in the 8U section.