

DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

Umpires/Rules/Mechanic Recommendations

Field Recommendations

- **Umpires**
 - Should be allowed to wear gloves if they wish.
 - Should be allowed to wear a mask if they wish.
 - Masks, if worn, should be neutral in color.
 - Masks, if worn, should not have designs on them.
 - Recommended to provide their own hand sanitizer.
 - Will still check equipment before a game.
 - Bats must be outside dugout.
 - Umpire may wear disposable gloves if they wish.
- **Rules**
 - **Rule 4, Section C:** Base coaches must stay 6 feet from a runner they wish to talk to during or after suspension of play.
 - **Rule 5 Section 7:** Coaches holding defensive conference must stay on the home plate side of the pitcher's circle and the player or players must be on the opposite of the pitcher's circle maintaining the 6 feet distance. No more than 2 players along with the pitcher allowed.
 - **Rule 5, Section 12A** Dugout Conduct: Allow for players to be out of the dugout. Fast Pitch and JO Slow Pitch, those out of the dugout behind the out of play fence. Adult Slow Pitch: Along fence line in front of the dugout. Draw a line to establish out of play. Number in the dugout dependent on the size of dugout, maintain 6 feet social distance.
 - **Rule 5, Section 12A:** Players not allowed to leave dugout area to congratulate players when scoring or after home runs.
 - **Rule 6A, Section 6:** No licking of fingers and wiping them off.
 - **Rule 8, Section 6G:** Slow Pitch: No stealing.
- **Mechanics**
 - **Slow Pitch**
 - 2 umpire system, BU will start on the line at 1B.
 - Remove being in the slot. They can be in front, behind or to the side of the catcher keeping the 6 ft distance from catcher.
 - **Fast Pitch:**
 - Plate umpire deeper than normal to call balls and strikes.