

**BARRHAVEN CHILDREN'S SOFTBALL RULES 2018 SEASON**

	<b>ROOKIE / NOVICE</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE SENIOR</b>
<b>Basepath / pitching rubber</b>	45 feet /28 feet	50 feet /34 feet	55 feet/ 36 feet 60 feet / 39 feet
<b>Players on the field</b> (infield / outfield*) *outfielders must start at least 6 feet outside the base path.	6 / 5	6 / 5	6 / 5
<b>Pitching</b> Start with <u>both feet</u> on the rubber and may not take more than one step towards the batter. During the pitching motion the ball must not move above the shoulder. See note below on number of innings a player can pitch:	Coach Up to 5 pitches (no fouls on last pitch)	Player Balls and strikes	Player Balls and strikes
Pitcher can pitch in no more than three innings or part of and these must be consecutive innings.	Doesn't apply	Applies	Applies/ 2 innings in Senior
<b>Hit by pitch</b>	Dead ball – repeat pitch	1 <sup>st</sup> base awarded	1 <sup>st</sup> base awarded
<b>Injury time out</b>	Dead ball repeat pitch	Dead ball repeat pitch	Dead ball repeat pitch
<b>Batter still up when side retired by fielding</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> batter next inning 0 0 count	1 <sup>st</sup> batter next inning 0 0 count	1 <sup>st</sup> batter next inning 0 0 count
<b>Run on dropped third strike</b>	No	No	No
<b>Turn at first base if not advancing to second</b>	Either way	Must turn right if not advancing	Must turn right if not advancing
<b>Leading before the pitch</b>	No – warnings given	No – warning given to team then out	No – warning given to team then out

<b>Stealing on a pitch</b>	No	No	Yes but only when ball crosses the home plate
<b>Stealing on a walk</b>	No	No	No
<b>Advancing on overthrown at first</b>	No	1 base maximum	1 base maximum
<b>Advancing on overthrow at other bases than first</b>	1 base maximum	1 base maximum	Unlimited
<b>Play stops when the ball enters the infield and: SEE NOTE BELOW #1</b>	is directed <b>“towards” the adult pitcher and crosses base path</b>	is in the pitcher’s glove who is less than <b>10 feet</b> from the mound	is in the pitcher’s glove who is less than <b>3 feet</b> from the mound
<b>Infield fly rule</b>	No	No	No
<b>Touching home plate</b>	Discouraged	Discouraged	OUT
<b>Commit line 1/3 of the way to third base</b>	Not applied	Applied	Applied
<b>Maximum runs per inning</b>	5	5	5 10 in last inning

#1 So when can a runner be sent back to the previous base – or put more simply how far can you push the running to the next base?

Every year this is a source of some discussion. There is no simple rule. There is a simple rule for when play ends. As a general rule a runner should not advance to the next base if he or she has not reached the half way point. This will be open to interpretation by coaches and the umpire. Trying to get some sort of agreement before the game usually helps.

### **Rules and expectations change from one division to another**

Make sure that the game is being played according to our rules. In almost every “awkward moment” a simple discussion can allow time to arrive at the correct decision. . . BUT the umpire has the last call.

### **Umpires:**

In Rookie and Novice umpires are parent volunteers. In Junior, and Intermediate, umpires are older players who may not have seen every situation – give them time to make the call and then if needed calmly, quietly and in private discuss the decision. In Senior parents will ump the regular season games and the hope is that we will have professional umpires for the playoffs.