

Middle School softball rules 2009

All games are played under high school rules, with the following exceptions:

- Games are 6 innings.
- Time limit is 80 minutes, which means no inning starts after 80 minutes. (A new inning starts the instant the third out is made.)
- A team may score a maximum of 5 runs per inning**. If 5 runs score before the third out, switch sides. If a team scores more than 5 runs because of a home run, do not count any run after 5.
- **The final inning is an Open Inning for runs. Any inning starting after 70 minutes is automatically an Open Inning and the final inning. Once an inning is declared the Open Inning, it shall be the final inning. So, at about the 65-minute mark, the umpire shall meet with both coaches and discuss the situation with regard to when to have the Open Inning. Meaning, can an inning be completed before the 80-minute mark so there is time for an Open Inning. In any case, if an inning runs long and ends after the 80-minute mark there is no Open Inning and the game is over.
- If a team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 innings (3½, if the home team), the game is over.
- Teams must have their equipment ready to be inspected 15 minutes prior to game time (3:30 or 4:30).
- Game times are 3:45; SV 8th plays at 4:45.
- Teams must be ready to play by the scheduled start time, barring extenuating circumstances. If teams are not ready to start and umpire deems there are no extenuating circumstances, game clock still starts at 3:45/4:45.