

## Fairport/Pittsford

### Softball Rules Summary - [Spring 2016](#)

<b>RULE</b>	<b>MAJORS (11-12)</b>	<b>MINORS (9-10)</b>	<b>ROOKIES/MICROS (7-8)</b>
<b>Ball</b>	12" official softball	11" official softball	11" Flexiball (RIF)
<b>Defensive Positions</b>	9	10 (4 outfielders on grass)	As needed (6 infield positions; all outfielders on grass)
<b>Minimum to Play</b>	No forfeits	No forfeits	No forfeits
<b>Stealing</b>	YES. Leave on release.	YES, except home. Includes no advancing on a passed ball or wild pitch. Leave when ball crosses home plate. Advance on overthrows. If runners leave early, dead ball and they are reset to previous base (not called out). Runners taking lead may be thrown out. No continuation on walks	NO
<b>Sliding</b>	YES (headfirst only back)	YES (headfirst only back)	NO
<b>Bunting</b>	YES. Batter must remove bat from strike zone if not offering at pitch.	YES Batter must remove bat from strike zone if not offering at pitch.	NO
<b>Batting order</b>	Continuous (late players added to bottom)	Continuous (late players added to bottom)	6 innings with 6 players batting each inning
<b>Minimum Play</b>	3 innings	3 innings	3 innings (2 in the infield)
<b>Pitching</b>	Player pitch from 40 feet.	Player pitches from 35 feet. Games in Pittsford: Coach pitch after 3 ball count (no stealing, bunting or walks while coach pitching). First half of season only. All player pitch beginning May 25	Coach pitch (no walks or Ks)
<b>Pitching Limits</b>	7 innings per game. Max 18 innings per week (Sun-Sat).	4 innings per game, player may re-enter as pitcher if not removed from game (stay in field). Max 6 innings per week (Sun-Sat).	N/A
<b>Run Limit</b>	Five (5) per half inning. Continuation of final play can add runs. 6 <sup>th</sup> (or last designated) inning unlimited.	Four (4) per half inning. Continuation of final play can add runs 6 <sup>th</sup> (or last designated) inning unlimited.	None
<b>Infield Fly</b>	YES	NO	NO
<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike</b>	YES (1B unoccupied or 2 outs)	NO	NO
<b>Balk</b>	NO	NO	NO
<b>Extra Bases</b>	YES	YES	Batters may attempt 2 bases on balls hit in air to outfield
<b>Overthrow</b>	Advance at risk	Advance at risk. Play stopped when ball held in controlled position on the infield. Runners can continue to next base if already in progress (past previous base when ball controlled on infield).	Play stops

<b>Umpires</b>	Plate provided by home team.	Plate provided by home team.	Coach / parents
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	10 runs after 4 innings	10 runs after 4 complete innings	NO
<b>Scores/Standings</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>Length of Game</b>	Six innings. Official after 4 (3.5 if home team leading). Ties count.	Six innings. Official after 4 (3.5 if home team leading). Ties count.	Six innings
<b>Time Limit</b>	No new inning can begin after 8:15pm. No new inning after 2 hours on weekend.	No new inning can begin after 8:15pm. No new inning after 2 hours on weekend	No new inning after 2 hours.

**NOTES:**

- 1) For any rule not explicitly addressed above, refer to 2016 LL Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules
- 2) PLL requires all pitchers and 3B players to wear a fielding mask at all times regardless of where the game is being played. This is a policy decision by the PLL board and does not apply to Fairport teams regardless of where the game is being played.