

# Mission Viejo Girls Softball - 6 & U Rules

## BASE and PITCHING DISTANCES

There are no ASA requirements for 6 & U. Therefore, the distance between bases is 55 feet, when possible, and the pitching distance is set at 30 feet.

## GAME LENGTH

All games in this division will be one hour and fifteen (1:15) and will drop dead at one hour and thirty minutes (1:30). No new inning will start after 1:15. At fields where overhead lighting is not available, all play will stop (drop dead) based upon the coach's judgment. As a guideline, play should stop when streetlights are activated.

## STANDINGS

No scores or standings will be kept for any games. These games will be considered as practice and instructional.

## GAME FORFEITURES

If a game must be cancelled, see [General Policies](#). There are no forfeits in the 6 & U age division.

## RUNS ALLOWED

Not applicable for this division.

## DEFENSIVE PLAYERS

1. All girls on the team will play when their team is on defense. A regular infield should be maintained with the rest of the players positioned in the outfield, at a minimum of 10 feet from the baseline. The pitcher must remain within the pitching circle until the ball is hit.
2. Two coaches will be allowed to be on the field when their team is on defense. These coaches must be listed as coaches in your "Official Roster" so as to be covered by the league's insurance. Brief instructions may be given (demonstrated) during the game.
3. Coaches **MUST** rotate players, with each player playing at least one infield position for a full inning per game, to assure that players receive experience at several positions and maintain a higher level of player and team enthusiasm.
4. Note: Coaches should allow some consideration for safety. Do not put a player in a position such as first base or pitcher, if they cannot defend themselves from thrown or hit balls.

## PLAYER RE-ENTRY

Re-Entry not applicable for this division. Late arriving players are covered in the [General Policies](#).

## BATTING / BASERUNNING

1. Each team will bat round robin. Each ½ inning will consist of 6 batters or ½ of the rostered players (whichever is greater) completing her turn at bat.
2. Ball must travel past the chalked arc line (placed approximately 10 feet in front of the plate and extending from the 1<sup>st</sup> base line to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line) to be in play.
3. The pitcher must remain within the pitching circle and behind the pitching plate until the ball is hit.
4. Play stops when a defensive player successfully throws or returns the ball into the infield area of play (with the exception of the "Last Batter" in an inning). If a runner is between bases when the ball is returned to the infield, the runner is allowed to proceed to or return to the closest base.
5. The "Last Batter" in an inning and any runners on base at the time of the last at bat for an inning may continue to advance to any base on a batted ball until she is tagged or forced out by a defensive player.
6. Overthrows that stay in or go out of the playing field – A runner may advance one base per play on an over throw from the base last touched at the time the ball left the fielder's hand.
7. Please be sure to keep catchers clear from the batter's "swing zone". If a coach wishes to stand near the batter, he/she should remain behind the batter and out of the swing zone.
8. A base runner may not leave their base until the ball has been hit. Outs may be recorded at any base with that baserunner returning to the dugout after the out.
9. A batter runner that hits and / or runs into an out must leave the field and return to the dugout.

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## **MERCY RULE**

Not applicable for this division.

## **INFIELD FLY AND DROPPED THIRD STRIKE**

Not applicable for this division.

## **STEALING BASES**

No lead offs or stealing bases is permitted. A base runner may not leave their base until the ball has been hit.

## **PITCHING RULES**

Beginning 3/24, coaches will pitch (all girls will hit off the tee only until that time). Each girl will be limited to four pitches. If unsuccessful after four pitches, the tee will then be brought out and used.

## **Pitching Outs/Pitching Week**

Not applicable for this division.

## **Pitcher Substitution**

Not applicable for this division.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

No derogatory cheers will be allowed. MVGS will follow the [General Policies](#) and/or ASA rules for unsportsmanlike conduct

## **JEWELRY**

Safety rules prohibit the wearing of any kind of jewelry at any time during practices or games as covered in [General Policies](#).