

## HAMLIN PARK SOFTBALL RULES SUMMARY 2022

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	PEE WEE DIVISION	BANTAM DIVISION	MIDGET DIVISION
<b>Base Length &amp; Pitching Distance</b>	55' 32'	60' 35'	60' 40'
<b>Ball Size</b>	11 inch	11 inch	12 inch
<b>Players in field</b>	10. Four outfielders. No short fielder playing at second base (Coach catches Coach pitch innings)	9 Three outfielders, no shifting	9 Three outfielders, no shifting
<b>Minimum players</b>	7	7	7
<b>Game duration</b>	No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. 2-hour maximum	No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. 2-hour maximum	No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. 2-hour maximum
<b>Max. runs per inning, in all but the last inning</b>	5, except all runs scoring on the hit that brings in the 5 <sup>th</sup> run count (could be 8 runs)	5, except all runs scoring on the hit that brings in the 5 <sup>th</sup> run count (could be 8 runs)	5, except all runs scoring on the hit that brings in the 5 <sup>th</sup> run count (could be 8 runs)
<b>Max. runs in 6<sup>th</sup> inning</b>	10	10	10
<b>Pitching Motion</b>	Full Windmill, step back allowed	Full windmill, step back allowed	Full windmill, step back allowed
<b>Walks</b>	No-coach finishes existing strike count. Batter only gets 3 strikes total in player pitch innings	No-coach finishes existing strike count	Yes. No limit to number of walks per inning or per pitcher
<b>Coach pitch only innings</b>	Yes. Players get max of 6 pitches in coach pitch only innings. Last pitch must be strike, swinging or called. 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 games, coach pitch innings are 1, 2, 5. Last 4 games, coach pitch innings are 1, 2, 6	No.	No.
<b>Hit By Pitch</b>	Take first as long as they tried to get out of the way – but not on bounce	Take first as long as they tried to get out of the way-but not on bounce	Take first as long as they tried to get out of the way-but not on bounce

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<b>Pitcher inning limitation</b>	1 inning per game	2 innings per game	3 innings per game
<b>Stealing</b>	No	3 <sup>rd</sup> base only, no matter how many outs. Advance only after ball crosses home plate. No advance beyond 3 <sup>rd</sup> on overthrow. Wall at 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. No stealing during coach pitch.	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and home, no matter how many outs. Advance after pitcher releases pitch. Runners may only take 1 base on a steal, regardless of errant throw.
<b>Leadoffs</b>	No	After ball crosses plate	After pitch released
<b>Sliding</b>	Not required, but encouraged to avoid contact with fielder	Must slide to avoid contact with fielder	Must slide to avoid contact with fielder
<b>Dead Ball</b>	As soon as ball is in the control of any infielder within the infield (infield extends outward only 3 feet from the base paths)	When controlled by the pitcher within 5 feet of the pitching rubber	When controlled by the pitcher within 5 feet of the pitching rubber
<b>Advance on overthrow to 1<sup>st</sup> Base from infielder</b>	No	Yes-1 base only	Yes. Can continue to advance until ball is in pitcher's control, or ball is out of play
<b>Advance on overthrow to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base, or home from infielder</b>	No	Yes. One base only on overthrows to 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or home.	Yes. Can continue to advance until ball is in pitcher's control or out of play
<b>Bunting</b>	No. No slap hitting either.	Yes, but not when coach is pitching. No slap hitting allowed.	Yes. Slap hitting is allowed as well.
<b>Fake bunt, pull back &amp; full swing</b>	No	No	No
<b>Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike</b>	No	No	No
<b>Infield Fly Rule</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Tag Ups</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Batting Order</b>	Continuous. All players bat	Continuous. All players bat	Continuous. All players bat

