



## East Hanover / Florham Park / Fairfield / Livingston

BASE DISTANCE	60 Feet
PITCHING	40 Feet <p>A Senior Division pitcher can not pitch more than 4 innings per game. A pitcher is eligible to pitch a fourth inning, limited to the seventh inning.</p> <p>Any pitcher who is removed from the mound during an inning can return to the mound in the same inning without being charged more than 1 inning pitched. The replacement pitcher however, will be charged for an inning pitched, no matter the length of time pitched.</p>
SLIDING	Yes. Base runners must avoid collision at any base or they will be considered out if the defensive player has the ball or the umpire considers there to be a play at that base. The base runner can avoid collision by sliding or 'giving themselves up' by stopping or slowing down and letting themselves be tagged out.
BUNTING	Yes. A batter will be called out for fake bunting.
MINIMUM # PLAYERS	7
MAXIMUM# PLAYERS	10
INFIELDBERS	6
OUTFIELDERS	4 All outfielders must be on the outfield grass. A team can play with a 'short fielder'. If played, the 'short fielder' must be on the grass.
INNINGS PER GAME	7
OFFICIAL GAME	The losing team must complete at least 4 innings. If an inning is started, the home team must complete that inning, if they are losing. No inning can begin 1 hour and 45 minutes from the start of that game. For example, if a game starts at 6:30, no inning can start after 8:15.
BATTING ORDER	All girls present for a game are put in the lineup before the game starts. All players bat according to that order. If a girl arrives after the start of the game, she is placed at the bottom of the order.
FREE SUBSTITUTION	Yes. Each player must play in the field at least 3 innings in a 6 inning game, and 4 innings in a 7 inning game. In the first 3 innings, all players must play at least 1 inning. In the first 5 innings, all players must play at least 2 innings.
DROPPED 3RD STRIKE	Batter is out.
INTENTIONAL WALK	No.
10 BATTER RULE / MERCY RULE	Yes. Mercy Rule : 10 runs after 5 innings / 8 runs after six innings
STEALING	Yes - after the ball crosses the plate. A player can only steal 2nd base if there are 2 outs, but can steal 3rd base or home at any time. Double stealing is allowed. Continuous walks are not allowed, even if there are 2 outs. A runner can lead/ steal after the ball crosses home plate. There is no delayed stealing once the catcher is in control of the ball in the catchers box. If the catcher fakes a throw or otherwise makes an attempt on the runner, the runner is live and can steal the base at their own risk. If the catcher, in full possession of the ball in the catcher's box, makes no attempt at the runner, and the runner has not started a steal, the runner must retreat back to the base. Merely looking at the runner for a brief second is not considered making a play, but a prolonged stare or any attempt to run the runner back to the base means the runner is live and can still steal.
OVERTHROWS	A runner can advance on an overthrow from the catcher to the pitcher or any base . If the ball is in fair territory, the ball is live and the player can advance until the ball is in control in the pitcher's circle . If the ball is in foul territory, the runner can advance to the next base. If a player attempts to steal, she can be thrown out. Subsequently, if a base runner attempts to steal third, and the catcher overthrows her third base player, the runner can attempt to steal home at her own risk.
INFIELD FLY RULE	Yes



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