

PCSSA 2020/2021 Rule Summary/Highlights

PCSSA Rules have been revised to better align with Senior Softball – USA (SSUSA). This is not a complete summary of the rules which apply to Senior Softball. It is your responsibility to read all the rules which govern our play. You may find a complete copy of the SSUSA rule book by logging onto their website at <https://seniorsoftball.com/wc/wc2019/SSUSA-Rulebook-2019-Web.pdf>. Additionally, those rules specific to our league may be found on the QuickScores website.

Below are significant elements off the PCSSA/SSUSA Rules and Board directives that apply for the 2020-2021 season.

- The batter will start with a 1 ball and 1 strike count; there will not be one to waste
- Our local substitute runner rule is revised as follows:
 - Prior to the start of each game players must declare if they need a sub runner. Managers will exchange info as to those identified as requiring sub runners.
 - If a player has not declared that they will require a sub runner, then in the course of the game the player requests a sub runner, the player requesting the sub runner will not be allowed to obtain one. The player will have to run for themselves or declare that they are injured and a replacement player will be needed in accordance with the sub player rules.
 - Exception: If a manager forgets to declare prior to the 1st pitch, and both team managers agree, the substitute runner will be allowed. If the managers are not in agreement, the rule stands and no substitute runner will be allowed.
 - If a non-declared player is injured and requires a sub runner, to expedite the game, the sub runner will be the first eligible player prior to the runner requesting a sub runner. The injured player is out of the game and a replacement must be found, or an out taken at each subsequent at bat.
- Intentionally dropped fly ball results in a dead ball out for the batter, an exception would be Infield Fly rule....Umpire judgement call
- Standing off first or third base during a pitch is permitted

- Pitcher Substitution will be +2
- Player Substitution Groups
 - 10-12 are interchangeable
 - 13-14 are interchangeable
- Games per player per day is 2
 - Injury exception – a player may enter a game to replace someone who became injured in that game even though it will result in his/her involvement of more than 2 games.
- Substitution games
 - Players may sub for the same team for 2 consecutive games. Must have at least 1 scheduled game break before subbing for that team again.
 - Penalty for illegal use of a substitute is forfeiture of the game
- Ejected Player – The player will receive a mandatory one (1) game day suspension for the next scheduled game day for that player's team. The ejected player will also NOT be allowed to substitute until after the one (1) game day suspension is completed. Any team that allows a suspended player to participate during a game in any position will result in a forfeit of that game.
 - Ejection rule will also apply to anyone asked to leave the field due to non-compliance of COVID 19 protocols.
- Cold Weather Uniform
 - No street clothing is to be worn during the play of any game. Jackets are to be worn on the bench, and additional clothing must be worn inside or underneath the jersey.
 - Sweatpants, if worn, must be gray or black to coordinate with the team pant/short color and may be worn either under or over the team uniform pant/short
- All cancelled and permanently postponed games will be played the following Monday, or if unplayable conditions continue to exist, the first Monday possible.