

Base set of ASA Rules: <https://www.usasoftball.com/official-rulebook/>  
Hopkinton Softball 2025 Rules Addendum

#### ETTIQUE:

Any rude behavior or foul language will not be tolerated and can result in an ejection. These requirements apply to players, coaches, and spectators.

#### DOUBLE FIRST BASE RULE:

A double first base will be imposed on each field. The runner's first base should be another color if possible and be placed on the outside of the typical first base. Whenever a play is being made on the batter-runner, the batter-runner must use the colored section on her first attempt to tag first base. NOTE: On extra-base hits or other balls hit to the outfield when there is no chance for a play to be made at the double first base, the batter-runner may touch either the white or colored section of the base. Should, however, the batter-runner reach and go beyond first base, she may only return to the white section of the base.

#### BATTING ORDER & OUTS:

- If a player is playing in the field, they must also be in the line-up.
- If a player arrives after the game has begun and batting by that team has commenced, they shall be entered into the bottom of the line-up. If a player needs to leave or gets injured during a game and does not return, they are simply removed from the line-up. An out is not given.

#### PINCH RUNNERS:

Once a person has bat and arrived at first base, they can request a pinch runner. The player that made the previous out is made the pinch runner.

#### RUN LIMIT:

5 runs per inning until the last inning then it is unlimited

#### SLIDING:

No Sliding. If a player slides, they are out.

#### BALL SIZE:

Size 11

#### BAT:

Metal only and cannot be on the unapproved/banned bat list. The unapproved list is provided to each manager.

#### PITCHING:

An attempt to create an arc pitch should be made. Fast-pitch/Windmill is not tolerated.

#### MASKS:

Pitchers and catchers are REQUIRED to wear masks. Masks will be provided.