

## 2019 Softball Interlock for Majors

- All games shall be played pursuant to the 2019 Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules. If a local rule/ interlock rule conflicts with the Official rules, the official rules shall prevail.
1. All teams shall use the continuous batting order.
  2. All batters must keep one foot in the batter's box for their entire at bat. Rule 6.02 in rule book
  3. All games must be played. If games are canceled due to weather and/or school events, the game should be rescheduled at the next available field. If a game canceled due to rain please notify the visiting team at least 2 hours before game time. If you are using league volunteer umpires please notify umpires of any game changes at [assigner@ump.org](mailto:assigner@ump.org)
  5. All game schedules, including changes must be sent to Janice Christensen at [softballjan@comcast.net](mailto:softballjan@comcast.net)
  6. Please email Tonya Henry of any game changes, Tonyah@thetasoft.com. She is maintaining an up to date schedule.
  7. If you are using volunteer umpires and change/ cancel a game for any reason please email assigner@d9ump.org so any umpires that have been signed up through arbiter are notified.
  8. The home team will provide the umpires.
  9. The home team is responsible for preparing the field.

## Helpful rule explanations for Majors

1. There are no run limits per inning
2. Games are six innings or until Umpire calls game due to darkness (If called for darkness score reverts back to last completed inning)
3. Mercy rule is called when one team is 15 runs ahead after 3 innings ( 2 ½ innings if home team is ahead) and ten runs or more ahead at the end of a completed inning any time after four innings ( 3 ½ innings if home team is ahead) have been completed.
4. Substitution rules only apply to pitchers for regular season games. If a player pitches and then sits in the dugout during a defensive half inning they are no longer eligible to pitch. If they stay in the game defensively they can come back and pitch (example: Suzy pitches the first two innings, plays SS in the third and is in the dugout in the fourth. She is no longer eligible to pitch. If she pitches the first two innings, plays SS in the third and fourth she would be eligible to pitch the fifth).
5. There is no pitch count but a Majors pitcher is limited to six innings per day. If you play extra innings and one pitcher pitches the entire game they are required a 24 hour rest hour rest.