

Softball 7.14/Substitution/Change checklist

7.14:

ASK: *Who is coming in?*

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Is the runner coming in currently out of the line up? Must be **yes**.

Has the runner coming off the bases been run for previously in the game? Must be **no**.

Has the team used a 7.14 previously in this inning? Must be **no**.

Substitute:

ASK: *Who is coming in?*

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Is the player coming in currently out of the lineup? Must be **yes**.

Has the player coming in been in the game previously?

If yes, is he re-entering in the same slot in the batting order? Must be **yes**.

Is the team currently on offense or defense?

If offense, is the player coming out currently on base or at bat? Must be **yes**.

(Juniors and below) Is the player coming out a starter?

If no, has the player coming out met their mandatory play requirements? Must be **yes**.

(Seniors) Is the player coming in on the starting lineup?

If yes, has that starter re-entered once already? Must be **no**.

If no, has that substitute been in the game previously? Must be **no**.

Pitcher change:

ASK: *Who is coming in to pitch?*

Has the pitcher coming out pitched to at least one batter (or completed pitching an at bat or inning)?

If no, in the umpire's judgment is the pitcher injured or ill? Must be **yes**.

Is the player coming in to pitch currently out of the lineup?

If yes, then first check if this is a legal substitution. Must be **yes**.

(LL and below) Has the player pitched in 12 or more innings today? Must be **no**.

Has the player pitched already in this inning? Can only return **once** in the inning they were removed.

CHECK: *Pitch log on the Eligibility Affidavit*

(LL and below) Has the player pitched before in the tournament?

If yes, has the player had any required days of rest? Must be **1 day for 7 or more innings**

DO: *Fill in the pitch log on the Eligibility Affidavit*

Defensive Innings:

CHECK: *Who is still in the dugout?*

These players in the dugout are not getting credit towards their minimum playing time on defense.

Everyone else should on the field somewhere.

Rule T-9: Mandatory Play *(does not apply to Seniors)*

If the team had **13 or more** rostered, uniformed, eligible players at the field at the start of the game:
Every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of one (1) at bat.
If the team had **12 or fewer** rostered, uniformed, eligible players at the field at the start of the game:
Every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of **six (6) consecutive defensive outs** and bat at least one (1) time.

For the purposes of this rule, “six (6) consecutive defensive outs” is defined as: A player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupies such position while six consecutive outs are made; “bat at least one (1) time” is defined as: A player enters the batter’s box with no count and completes that time at bat by being put out or by reaching base safely.

Rule 7.14: Special Pinch Runner

Once each inning a team may utilize a player who is not in the batting order as a special pinch-runner for any offensive player. A player may only be removed for a special pinch-runner one time during the game. The player for whom the pinch-runner runs is not subject to removal from the lineup. If the pinch runner remains in the game as a substitute defensive or offensive player, the player may not be used again as a pinch runner while in the batting order. However, if removed for another substitute that player or any player not in the line up, is again eligible to be used as a pinch runner.

Rule T-4: Pitching Rules *(LL and below, Revised at 2014 Congress)*

- c. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning.
- d. A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.
- e. One (1) calendar day of rest must be observed following regular season or Special Games play, and between levels of Tournament Play.
- f. A player may not pitch in more than twelve (12) innings in a day.
- g. If a player pitches in less than seven (7) innings in a calendar day, no rest is required.
- h. If a player pitches in seven (7) or more innings in a calendar day, one day’s rest is required. This also applies between regular season games following Tournament elimination or Special Games following the Tournament.

Rule T-7: Visits

A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The manager or coach may come out three times in a game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher.
A manager or coach who is granted a time out to talk to any defensive player will be charged with a visit to the pitcher.
Only one offensive time-out will be permitted each inning.