



Haverford Township Hilltop Baseball, Softball and Challenger League

ROOKIE (QUICKBALL) DIVISION

OFFICIAL RULES

2026

The latest edition of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Rules & Regulations shall be the official playing rules of the HILLTOP BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, and CHALLENGER LEAGUE subject to certain variations determined by the Board of Directors of the League. When any rule or its interpretation is in conflict, the Haverford Twp. Hilltop and their intent will apply.

I. What is Quickball?

Quickball is a fresh take on traditional baseball and softball, specialized for younger players. The game teaches the fundamentals of the game while promoting an active environment. The faster pace and less restrictive gameplay allows for a more exciting game for kids and adults alike.

II. Equipment Needed

- a. Each team will receive the following
 - i. A large bucket
 - ii. A hard plastic bats
 - iii. 12 Safe T Soft balls
 - iv. 3 Incrediballs (larger)

III. Field Set Up

- a. The bucket is filled with the balls and placed at the pitching mound
- b. The defense fields seven primary positions
 - i. Pitcher
 - ii. First Base
 - iii. Second Base
 - iv. Third Base
 - v. Short Stop
 - vi. Left Center
 - vii. Right Center
- c. The remainder of the defense goes to the outfield, out of play to work on fundamentals
- d. The defense requires three coaches in the field: one to pitch, one to direct the fielders, one out of play teaching fundamentals
- e. The offense requires two coaches in the field: one at home plate, one at first base; additionally, a coach is required to be on the bench setting up the on deck batter

IV. How to play Quickball

- a. Offense



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- i. The entire team bats each inning
 - ii. The batter receives a pitch, thrown from the coach
 - iii. If the batter makes contact, the batter runs to first, then second, etc
 - iv. If the batter does not make contact, the coach pitches a second ball
 - v. If the batter does not make contact by the 4th pitch, the batter runs the bases as though contact was made; the coach at home plate will roll a ball into the field to be played by the defense
 - vi. The inning is complete once all players have batted
- b. Defense
- i. The defense fields the primary positions, and the remainder of the team works on drills in the outfield with a coach using the smaller balls
 1. In the event the team has less than 13 players, it is suggested to not have a pitcher
 - ii. The fielding team will throw the ball to a coach at second base
 - iii. All balls are returned to the bucket at the mound
- c. Gameplay
- i. The entire offense of Team 1 bats in the top of the first inning
 - ii. The defense fields the 7 primary positions, and works on fundamentals in the outfield with the remaining players
 - iii. After the last player has batted, Team 1 goes on defense
 - iv. The entire offense of Team 2 bats in the bottom of the first inning
 - v. After the last player has batted, Team 2 goes back to defense
 1. The players who worked on fundamentals in the first inning must play the primary positions in the second inning; if the team does not have enough players to field the primary positions for two innings, players may play defense for more than one inning, **BUT ALL CHILDREN MUST PLAY THE FIELD FOR AT LEAST ONE INNING**
 - vi. The game is complete after both team have batted and fielded four innings
 - vii. No score is kept

V. Importance of teaching the fundamentals

- a. The goal of Quickball is to teach the basics of baseball and softball: batting, catching, throwing
- b. While on defense, urge the children to play their position
- c. If the ball is hit to the shortstop, let the shortstop know the ball is his to field
- d. If all the contact go towards the middle of the field, toss the ball to the left or right should the batter swing and miss twice
- e. The set working on fundamentals should practice fielding, throwing, and catching
- f. While on offense, encourage the children to swing without the tee
- g. Practice running the bases properly and in the correct direction
- h. Have the on deck batter ready to go once the hitter has touched home plate
- i. Be patient and have fun!