

New Albany Little League Softball Major League (10-12 Year Olds) Rules

ALL PLAY IN THIS DIVISION WILL BE BY THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULEBOOK WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS

Division Basics

- You are allowed (3) practices/games with your team in a week.
- No new inning may start after one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15). If the first game is running late the second game will start no more than five minutes after the first game. It is the coaches' responsibility to have the team loose and ready immediately following the first game.
- A team must have eight players to start the game. If you only have eight players, the ninth spot is an out. Pool players if used must come from the Minor Softball division.
- Two ADULT base coaches are permitted in this division. Each team must have one ADULT in the dugout to assist players.
- A Game is called after three innings if there is a fifteen (15) run lead or after four innings if there is a ten (10) run lead.
- A game will last for (6) innings if time allows.
- A game will be considered official if is called due to weather conditions after 3 ½ or 4 innings or after the time limit has passed. If the game is called prior to being official, then the game will be completed at a later date. If threatening weather is approaching in the top or bottom of the fourth inning, it will be the responsibility of the umpire to keep the game moving along in attempt to make the game official that day or evening.
- The home team will be asked to provide a bookkeeper and the away team will be asked to provide someone to keep the scoreboard.
- The regular season Champion is the team with the best overall record. If two or more teams tie for first place, the champion will be determined in the following manner:
 - A) Head-to-head record. B) Net total runs against tied teams. C) Run differential for season D) Coin Flip
- NO ON DECK BATTER AND NO SWINGING THE BATS IN THE DUGOUT!!!!

Batting

- All players will be placed in the batting order (bat the bench).
- If a player throws the bat, that player will receive a warning. The next time that player throws the bat they will be removed from the bases and the other runners may not advance.
- The batter becomes a runner and is entitled to first base without the liability to be put out when the batter is touched by a pitched ball which the batter is not attempting to hit unless the ball is in the strike zone when it touches the batter.
- A BUNT is a batted ball not swung at but intentionally met with the bat and tapped slowly. Holding the bat in the strike zone is considered an attempted bunt. In order to take the pitch, the batter must make an attempt to withdraw the bat backwards away from the ball.
- Pool players, if used, must be from the Minor Softball division and bat last in the lineup.

Fielding

- Maximum nine (9) players on defense. Six (6) players in the infield and three (3) players in the grassy section of the outfield. Players may not obstruct the runners.
- No player sits the bench more than two consecutive innings unless they are injured/sick.
- Pool players, if used, must be from the Minor Softball division and play outfield.

Base Running

- Catcher may have a substitute runner to speed up the game. The runner will be the last recorded out.
- A runner who is off the base after a pitch or as a result of a batter completing a turn at bat, and while the pitcher has the ball within the eight (8) foot radius circle, must determine if they are going to try to advance or return to the last touched base upon stopping their momentum. The girl is not immediately called out but she must make an immediate decision. This is a judgment call by the umpire as to whether or not the girl has had sufficient time to make her decision and is not questionable.

Pitching

- The pitching circle will be 8 feet in diameter with the center of the circle 40 feet from home plate.
- Pitchers may pitch twelve (12) innings in a game. If the pitcher pitches in seven (7) or more innings a calendar day of rest is required.
- If a pitcher desires to walk a batter intentionally, all pitches must be legally delivered to the batter.
- Pool players, if used, cannot pitch.

Coaching

- End of game: Clean the dugouts. Ensure all garbage is properly disposed of.
- End of day: THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH TEAMS. Rake the infield after the last game of the day or evening. At least one (1) coach from each team must help with raking the field. Solicit help from parents and players with field and dugout cleaning duties.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PLAY AND CONDUCT WILL BE SPORTSMANLIKE. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! NO FOOD OR CANDY IN THE DUGOUT!!!! GATORADE AND WATER ARE ONLY ALLOWED!!!!

Players, managers, coaches, and appointed adults ONLY allowed in the dugouts. Players, managers, and coaches are not allowed to leave the dugout during the game unless an injury occurs or excused by the umpire.

NO VERBAL ABUSE OR HARASSMENT TO AN UMPIRE, COACH, MANAGER, OPPOSING PLAYER OR PARENT WILL BE TOLERATED. REFER TO THE LEAGUES' CODE OF CONDUCT!!!!