

# **West Seattle Little League**

## **Majors Softball Information**

### **Playing Guidelines**

- 12" Softballs must be used.
- Bats must be no longer than 33", not more than 2 1/4" diameter and printed with a BPF 1.20.
- All batting helmets must require a facemask
- All pitchers are required to wear a facemask; all infielders and outfielders are strongly encouraged to wear a facemask
- Pitching distance for Major is 40'
- Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect.
- No 5 run rule.
- No slug/slash bunting. Dead ball, automatic out.
- No infield pre-game warm up, only in the outfield.
- Pitchers may be warmed up by a player with a facemask/throat guard or a coach.
- Continuous batting order. All players present at the start of the game will be placed into the batting order. Players showing up late for the game shall be inserted into the bottom of the batting order.
- Time Limits:
  - Weeknights- No time limit. Only limit is darkness. Games can end in a tie due to darkness.
  - Weekends - Schedule imposed time limit. No new inning may start 30 mins prior to the next scheduled game.
- Any Interleague play will follow district 7 Softball rules.

### **Injured Player Rule**

- Per Rule 4.04 Note 2: When a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty.
- If the injured, ill, or absent player returns he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batter order and the game continues.

### **Major Division official rules**

- The Major Softball Division will follow the official regulation and playing rules as defined by Little League International, with the following exceptions to Minimum Playing Times, Substitutions and Batting Order. These exceptions apply to Regular

Season games only, and are allowed as they constitute an increase above the minimum playing times required by Little League International.

- Increase minimum play to 9 defensive outs (3 inning) minimum. - 6 of the 9 defensive outs (2 innings) must be consecutive.
- Both starters and substitutes may re-enter the game on defense - Note a pitcher may not re-enter the game once a pitcher has been removed.
- Continuous batting order - All players present at the start of the game will be placed into the batting order. Players showing up late for the game shall be inserted into the bottom of the batting order.
- The Major Division WSLI End of Season (EOS) tournament will follow the official Little League International Tournament rules and playing time minimums.
  - Minimum playing times will follow LLI rule 3.03.
  - Continuous batting order - batting lineup consists of all players in attendance.