

2020 Little League Rules - Minor Softball

League Age	8-10		
Softball Size	11-inch softball		
Mandatory play time	Six consecutive outs on defense (2 innings). Continuous batting order, all rostered players bat.		
Innings	<p style="text-align: center;">Play time is 6 innings, or if game is called by umpire. No new inning after 1hr 45min.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minors - Five Run Rule per inning, except in 6th inning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Run Rule: If, after 4 innings (3 1/2 if home team leads) game may be called.</p>		
Pitch Thresholds	Max 12 innigs per game, 12 innings per day.		
Rest	<p>Six or fewer innings per day - no rest required.</p> <p>Seven or more innings in a day - one calendar day rest required.</p>		
Pitching in consecutive games	Pitching in consecutive games is allowed, subject to rest requirements.		
Returning to Mound	Pitcher may move to a different position and return to pitcher once per inning. If pitcher is withdrawn from the game defensively for a substitute, may NOT return as pitcher later in the game.		
Warming up pitcher	Players must be wearing a mask. Coaches must not warm up pitchers at homeplate or in the bull pen.		
Visits to the mound	Once time as been issued by the Homeplate umpire, a coach may visit the mound to talk to the pitcher. The pitcher must be replaced on the third visit in an inning or 4 visits in a game.		
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Extra Inning Tie Breaker	In the second extra inning, the batter scheduled to bat last that inning will start the inning as a runner at second base.		
Batters	Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings. Use Little League approved bats. It will have the USA Baseball mark.		
Understanding Infield Fly Rule	<p>1) There must be less than 2 outs; 2) There must be runners on first and second OR first, second and third; 3) The fly ball cannot be a bunt or a line drive; 4) An infielder must be able to catch the ball with ordinary effort.</p> <p>The ball is live, and runners may advance at the risk of being caught or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same is on any fly ball.</p>		
Baserunners	<p style="text-align: center;">Secondary lead/base stealing is permitted after pitched ball crosses the batter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baserunners are to slide feet first. Head first slides are ONLY permitted on a back pick attempt.</p>		
Baserunner leaves early	<p>If pitched ball is hit fair - baserunner who left early is removed from basepaths but not charged an out.</p> <p>If pitched ball is not hit - baserunner who left early returns to that base.</p>		
Base Coach	1 manager and 2 coaches allowed regardless of number of players. Two adult base coaches provided there is an adult in the dugout. A base coach may be a rostered player and must wear a helmet.		
The No's	No balks, No leading off, No drop third strikes, No watches, No necklaces, No jewelry, No on deck circles, No swearing, No throwing equipment. No holding or swinging bats in dugout.		
Field Dimensions	Bases: 60 ft. Front edge of pitching plate to point of home plate: 35 ft. Pitchers circle, 8 ft. radius. Home to second base 85 ft.		
Field Setup & Pickup	Home team field setup and pickup. Recommend parent volunteers.		
Game Balls	Home team provides 3 game balls.		
Scorebook & Line-up Cards	Scorebook & line-up cards are required to helps track pitch count, 5 run rule & substitutions.		
Inning count logs	Inning count logs are to be filled out after each game and signed by the opposing manager.		