

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL RULES

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- **All games are Monday thru Friday and have a starting time of 6:00pm.** Saturday game times are 2:00pm and 4:00 pm if necessary. There are NO regularly scheduled Sunday games. League coordinator will reschedule all makeup games on Saturday if there are no openings during the week. NO team will be scheduled to play 2 games in one day.
- No games are played under lights. **NO NEW INNING WILL START AFTER 7:45PM M-F.** No new inning will start after an hour and a half on any weekend game. If the game is called in an uncompleted inning, the game reverts back to the last completed inning. In the case of an incomplete game, it will be made up at the next meeting of the teams or when scheduled by the league coordinator.
- An official game may **NOT** be started with less than **EIGHT** players on each team.
- Teams may field TEN players with the tenth person playing short field (outfield behind second base). All players in attendance will bat in consecutive order regardless of their play in the field.
- NO player may be closer to home plate than the pitcher.
- In a team's offensive inning, FIVE runs are allowed over the opponents score, unless it is the conclusion of play. If the offensive team is already ahead of the opposing team, then only FIVE runs will be allowed to score.
- Fifteen run rule is in effect after **FOUR** complete innings. (three and a half if home team is ahead)
- There is a maximum of three walks per inning. After third walk, batter must hit, strike out or be hit by a pitch. Player hit by a pitch is NOT considered walked. *****NOTE: Single A Only-there will be no walks or hit by pitch when the manager or coach is pitching.***
- A pitcher will be removed in the event that **THREE** batters are hit in a single inning, or **FIVE** batters are hit by the same pitcher in the course of one game.
- If a player pitches in more than one inning, **ONE** calendar day of rest is **MANDATORY**. A player may pitch a maximum of SIX innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.
- We will **NOT** use the infield fly rule.
- A ball hit into the trees is a dead ball.
- Traditional batting donut is **NOT** permissible.
- The throwing of equipment is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. The first time a **WARNING** is issued. Second violation team member is benched!
- No player will be allowed to go to the concession stand during the game. The manager or coach may allow a player to go to the water fountain or restroom provided the player is accompanied by an adult.
- **NO FOOD IN DUGOUT!** Gum at coaches' discretion. Dugouts should be cleaned out before you leave from game or practice. Help keep the fields clean!

SINGLE A RULES ONLY

8 YEAR OLDS

- Manager or coach will pitch to their own team the first **FOUR** innings the entire season. Players will pitch any later innings.
- There are no walks or hit by pitch plays when adults are pitching. The batter **MUST** hit the ball or strike out.
- **NO** stealing or leading is allowed.
- An 11inch rubber ball will be used for the first five games. After that, you will use a regular 11inch softball. All balls are provided by the league at the beginning of the season.
- There is **NO** **ADVANCEMENT** on an overthrow.

DOUBLE A RULES ONLY

9-12 year olds

- **NO** league age 12 year olds may pitch in AA.
- Stealing is allowed **AFTER** the ball crossed the plate. Stealing is allowed from second to third base and from third to home. There is **NO** stealing second from first.
- **OVERTHROWS-NO advancement on any overthrow to FIRST BASE.** A player may advance a maximum of **ONE** base at their own risk on any overthrows to second, third or home.
- There will be an **ALL STAR** Game during the second half of the season for AA minors. The numbers selected from each team will be determined by how many teams there are.

MANAGERS NOTES FOR MINORS SOFTBALL

HOME TEAM

- Sits in the first base side dugout.
- Supplies the game ball.
- Manager responsible for getting umpires BEFORE game. Make sure their slips are signed so that they get paid. Reminder calls are always helpful.
- Responsible for getting bases out and putting them away after game. MAKE SURE EQUIPMENT BOX IS LOCKED!

ALL TEAMS

- TUESDAY NIGHTS-the designated team MUST HAVE ONE PARENT IN THE CONCESSION STAND BEFORE GAME CAN START! Please remind your parents who will be working concessions so there are no problems on game day. Volunteers should be in the concession stand NO LATER THAN 5:45pm. Submit your concession list to league coordinator before your first game.
- Cancellations will be posted on the leagues website or call the Town of Saugerties Parks and Recreation at 246-5890 and press 7. **NOTE-If it starts raining after the game has begun, the plate umpire will make the decision to stop the game. Always remember- SAFETY FIRST. The game stops immediately and all players off the field at the first sign of lightning. Common sense should prevail.
- Only players and coaches allowed in dugout. ONE manager and TWO coaches allowed per team. Only SLL approved volunteers allowed to assist with practices.
- Only players may warm up pitchers (on game day) and MUST wear catcher's mask.
- NO ON DECK BATTERS. No swinging the bat anywhere in the dugout area.
- Manager or coach may coach third during teams at bat. Player may coach first base with helmet.
- Adults are NOT allowed on field during offensive play (except for injury). If you need to talk to your pitcher, call her to the foul line.
- Only female coaches and/or teammates may assist the catcher with gear. Mom's may help if need be.
- Players must be in full uniform to play. Shirts(TUCKED IN), pants, stirrups and visor. NO MODIFICATIONS. No jewelry (necklaces, bracelets or earrings). Any sweatshirts must be worn UNDER uniform shirt.
- Manager of each team is responsible for recording the game for BOTH teams in the LL score book provided.
- NO MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER OR PARENTS SHOULD EVER ARGUE WITH THE UMPIRES!