

GEORGIA LITTLE LEAGUE

Sandlot League SOFTBALL Special Games All-Star Tournament (2024)

Playing Rules:

All Regular Season Minor League Division Rules/Regulations Apply, except as modified below.

Eligibility for Georgia Sandlot League Tournaments:

- Only League Age 7, 8, or 9-year-olds are eligible for the Sandlot Softball Tournament.
- All players must have participated with the league during the regular season to be eligible for the Sandlot Tournament.

Modifications to Minor League Regular Season Rules for Sandlot League Tournament (only):

- A time limit of 1 hr. 45 minutes will be observed for all games (no new inning will start after 1:45). Once time has expired, the game may be called complete if both teams have met all mandatory play responsibilities and it is impossible for the team trailing to tie or overcome the run deficit in the current inning being played. This only applies during bracket play games. Pool play games must meet the requirements of a regulation game and follow game-ending procedures found in Rule 4.10. Championship games at Sectional and State will not observe the time limit and will be played to a full regulation game.
- Curfew is 11:00 pm (no new inning shall start after 11:00 pm)
- Rule 4.10(e) [15 run rule after 3 and 10 after 4] will be observed in all games.
*Note- 8 after 5 innings will also be observed (rev 4/30/2022)
- Rule 2.00 – Inning
A **five-run** limit is to be imposed, which would complete the half inning.
Note: the inning ends upon scoring of 5th run.
Note: Pool play games can not be terminated based on the score. Only game-ending procedures as outlined in the regular season playing rules will be observed in pool play games
- Rule 4.04 – Batting Order
 - a. All tournament teams must adopt a policy of a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team affidavit present at the start of the game, to appear in the batting order. Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order.
 - b. If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over her when her time at bat comes up without penalty. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns, she is merely inserted into their original spot in the lineup and the game continues. If a player arrives late to the game site, if the manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup, she would be added to the end of the current lineup.
 - c. If a player is unable to complete a plate appearance due to injury, illness, or ejection, the next batter in the lineup shall take his/her place at the plate and assume the count of the original batter.

- d. If a batter becomes a runner by reaching base safely and is unable to run the bases due to injury, illness or ejection, he/she shall be replaced by the player who recorded the last out or with a courtesy runner (if applicable).
- e. Courtesy Runner: A team may permit a courtesy runner for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. Utilizing continuous batting order, the courtesy runner may be in the team's batting order and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.

Extra Outfielder: A team may use ten (10) defensive players. In this case, there must be four (4) outfielders. Note: The four outfielders must be positioned in the traditional manner – in left, left center, right center, and right field, with each outfielder at about the same reasonable depth. There must not be a “short outfielder”.

➤ Regulation IV (i): Mandatory Play

Any player who does not meet the minimum of 6 defensive outs in a game regardless of any shortened game status, must start the next game and complete the Mandatory Play for that game before being removed.

A player may be entered and/or reentered defensively in the game at any time.
A pitcher, withdrawn from the game for a substitute defensively, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.

All defensive changes must be reported by the manager to the scorekeeper for tracking purposes. Unrecorded substitutions could result in mandatory play violations.

➤ Rule 4.19 – Protest

All protests must be made in accordance with the playing rules will be decided by the Protest Committee on site.

All protests involving a misapplication or interpretation of playing rules must be made before the next pitch or play and must be decided before the game may continue. No protest regarding the misapplication or interpretation of a playing rule will be considered if the protest is not made before the next pitch or play.

Protests involving the use of an ineligible pitcher must be made before the umpires leave the playing field.

Protests involving the use of an ineligible player must be made before either team affected plays its next game.

All Protests will be addressed accordingly:

District Level- The decision of the District Administrator is final as to all protests (no further appeal).

Sectional Level- In the event the protesting manager does not accept the decision of the tournament director at the sectional; a committee consisting of at least two GA DA's from sections not involved as well as an Umpire consultant appointed by the GA DA's will be contacted and they will make a ruling That ruling will be final and binding.

State Level- In the event the protesting manager does not accept the decision of the tournament director at the state level a committee consisting of at least two GA DA's from sections not involved as well as an Umpire consultant appointed by the GA DA's will be contacted and they will make a ruling. That decision will be final and binding.

➤ Tournament format-

District Level- To be determined by the DA of that District

Sectional Level- To be determined by the DAs of that sectional

State Level- A modified round robin will be utilized.

Game one- Team A vs. Team B

Game two- Winner game one vs. Team C

Game three- Loser Game one vs. Team C

Game four- Championship between top two teams

*In the event only two sections participate, each section will send two teams to the State Level and a modified double-elimination tournament will be played.

Any ties will be broken according to the tournament pool play guidelines in the 2024 Little League Rulebook.