

St. James/Smithtown Little League - 2023
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SOFTBALL LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

The goal of Little League is supposed to be a fun filled experience, where each child is given a chance to succeed and learn. The Board of Directors has added the following rules to supplement the Little League Rulebook.

- Game time shall be 6pm.
- No inning shall start two hours after the start of the game.
- All games will be played as long as you have four infielders, pitcher and catcher (6 players).
- All games count in the standings.
- All games are played regardless of how many players arrive, NO forfeited. Teams have to give players to help in the field, if a team has less than 8 players.
- Games can be re-scheduled as long as one week notice is given.
- Abuse of umpires by managers, coaches or fans will not be permitted. ZERO TOLERANCE.
- The Little League Code of Conduct will be adhered to and enforced.
- Smoking is forbidden at any Little League event.
- Home team wears navy jerseys, away wears red.
- Please remove all trash and debris after all practices and games.
- A full length game is 6 innings
- An official game is when the trailing team has batted at least 4 times. In the event a game must end due to time constraints or darkness, the game will be resumed at a later date, beginning at the point where it was suspended. Any continued game will only continue until the 4th inning is complete. However if you have played your allotted time, the game will be considered final regardless of the number of innings played.

Majors (11 & 12) Division

Pitching: A single pitch thrown is the equivalent of one inning pitched. **Six** innings maximum per pitcher in any game. **Fifteen** innings maximum per player per week, calendar week begins Sunday and ends on Saturday. Five warm-up maximum on pitching changes or at the start of an inning. Pitcher must be in contact with the pitching rubber at the start of the wind-up. Pitch must be delivered underhand not sidearm. If the player is removed from pitcher, **she can return to the pitcher's position as long as she doesn't exceed her inning limit.** On 2nd visit to mound by coach, pitcher must be removed. No balks are called. Unlimited walks. Pitcher must be removed after three (3) hit batters in any inning or four (4) total in a game. Batter hit by bounced pitch will be awarded first base; pitch will not count against pitcher as far as hit batter total.. **Players must pitch from the proper distance of 40 feet, measured from the back tip of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber. See below image.**

Catchers: Speed up rule is in effect, after the second out is recorded in an inning. Catchers occupying a base, as a runner, must be run for by the last batted out. This will allow catcher time to equip properly in order to prevent delays.

Batting: Facemasks and chinstraps are **MANDATORY**. Bats **MUST** be Little League approved. (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>) All players are included in lineup. Late arriving players should be added to the bottom of the batting order. Players forced to leave early will have their spot in lineup skipped without penalty.

Continuous Walk Rule: After drawing a walk, the batter may advance to second base on the same play. Batter must make turn at first and go directly to second. Batter may not stop or return towards first without the pitcher attempting to make a play at second. Batter stopping or hesitating after turning first, will be called out.

Stealing: **Player leaves on pitchers release.** Penalty for leaving base early: One warning per team per game; runner is returned to base. If 2nd occurrence for either team the runner is called out. This is a team warning not a player warning. Steals are unlimited. Stealing home is permitted.

Bases: 60ft - 1st and 3rd base are measured from the rear tip of home plate to back corner of base. 2nd base is measured from center of base to baseline. See below image.

Infield Fly: In effect when there are bases loaded or runners on first and second with less than two outs.

Fielding: Pitcher in control of the ball by the pitchers mound, the **BALL IS DEAD**. Runners more than halfway may advance to the next base (at umpire's discretion).

Dropped Third Strike: Not in effect.

Scoring: Maximum run rule is in effect. No player will bat after the fifth run is recorded in their half of the first five innings. Run rule is not in effect for the sixth inning. (ex. 4 runs already recorded for team, bases loaded, batter hits grand slam...team tallies 8 for their half of inning.). Ten run rule is in effect after the losing team has batted five times.

Defense: Teams shall use a 9 fielder alignment. No player shall sit three innings consecutively. All players must play a minimum of 3 innings.
On defense, no player can position herself in front of the pitchers rubber.

Playoffs: All teams make the playoffs.

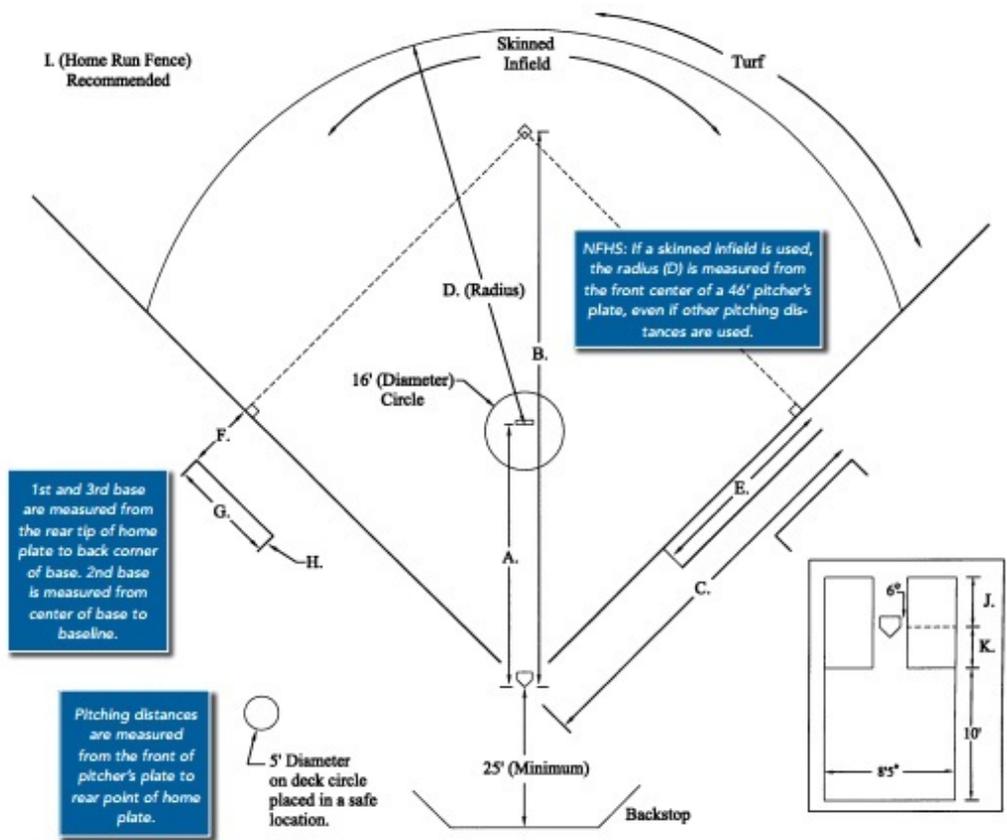
Rainouts: **All rainouts must be made up. All rainouts will be played the Saturday of the week the game was postponed, if it occurs on Monday or Tuesday of that week otherwise the game will be moved to the following Saturday. If two games were cancelled, plan on playing both games on that Saturday. Based on schedule, the game listed first will be played at 9:00 AM, second 11:00 AM, Third 1:00 PM and so on. All rainouts will be played at Moriches Softball. If a game has to be postponed, the rainout rule will apply. I will need at least one week notice of postponement and**

the other coach has to agree. This only applies if a team is going to have less than six (6) players.

Makeups: Coordinator will schedule postponed games.

Play nice, have a good time. This is for the kids, we know you like it too. Make it fun!

SOFTBALL MEASUREMENTS



SOFTBALL FIELD MEASUREMENTS BY GROUP

GROUP	TYPE/AGE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
YOUTH	FASTPITCH / GIRLS	30'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'
	FASTPITCH / GIRLS / 10U	35'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'
	FASTPITCH / GIRLS/ 12U	40'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'

SOFTBALL FIELD DIMENSIONS