

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

The goal of Little League is supposed to be a fun filled experience, where each child is given a chance to succeed and learn..

- 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.
- **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.**

**Minors (9 & 10) Division**

**Pitching:** A single pitch thrown is the equivalent of one inning pitched. **Five** innings maximum per pitcher in any game. **Twelve** innings maximum per player per week, calendar week begins Sunday and ends on Saturday. Pitcher must be in contact with the pitching rubber at 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 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to mound by coach, pitcher must be removed. No balks are called. Four walks per inning. On the fourth walk and each walk thereafter, the Coach comes out to pitch 5 pitches only. Batter has to put the ball in play. **After 5 pitches, the batter is out if she doesn't put the ball in play, even if she fouls it off on the last pitch. Number of strikes remain for the batter but balls are not counted. The coach has to pitch from the pitching rubber.** 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 35 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.

Bunting permitted except when coach is pitching. The batter may not wiggle the bat to distract the pitcher. Bunt is a batted ball not swung at but intentionally met with the bat and tapped slowly. Holding the bat in the strike zone is an attempted bunt.

**Stealing:** Three (3) steals Maximum per inning. No double steals. No stealing of home. No delayed steals. No advancement on overthrow after steal attempt. Penalty for leaving base early: One warning per team per game: runner is returned to base. If 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence for either team, the runner is called out. This is a team warning not a player warning. Runner may advance on bounced pitch caught by catcher. **Runner can not steal until ball CROSSES home plate.**

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

**Infield Fly:** Not in effect.

**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.).

**Defense:** Teams shall use a 10 fielder alignment. No player shall sit two innings consecutively. All players must play a minimum of 3 innings.

**Playoffs:** All teams make the playoffs.

**Rainouts:** Visit the leagues website listed above for all cancellations due to weather.

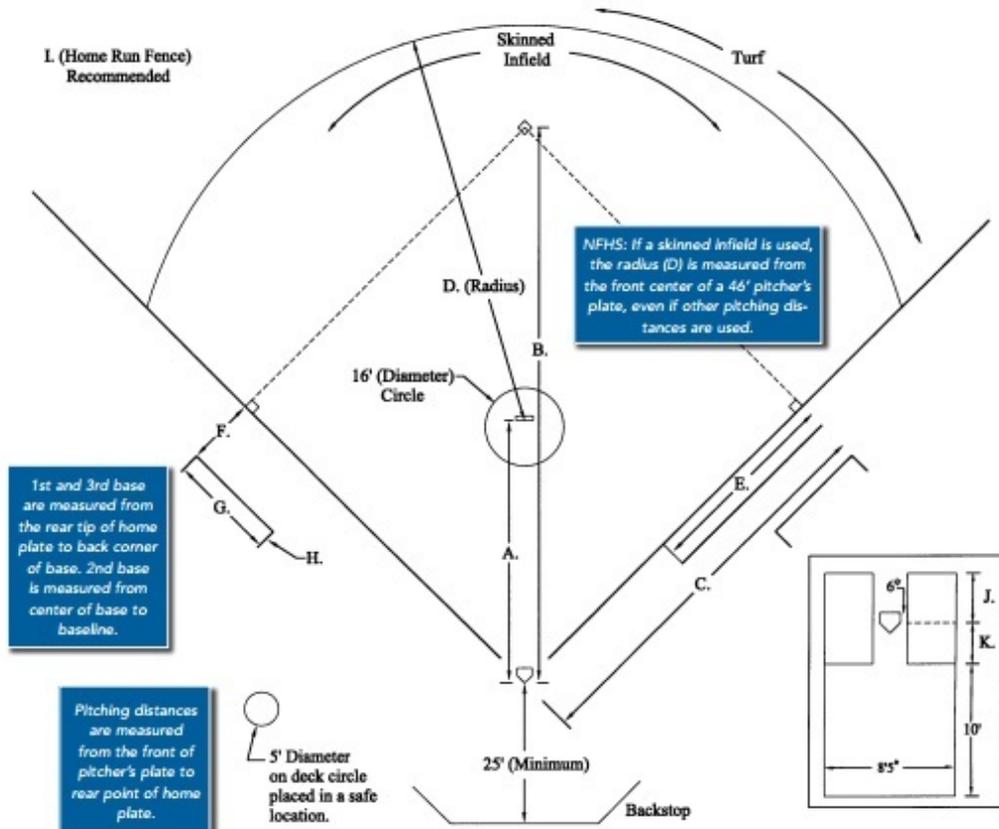
**All rainouts must be made up. All rainouts will be played the Saturday of the week the game was postponed if it occurs on Monday or**

**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 Gaynor 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