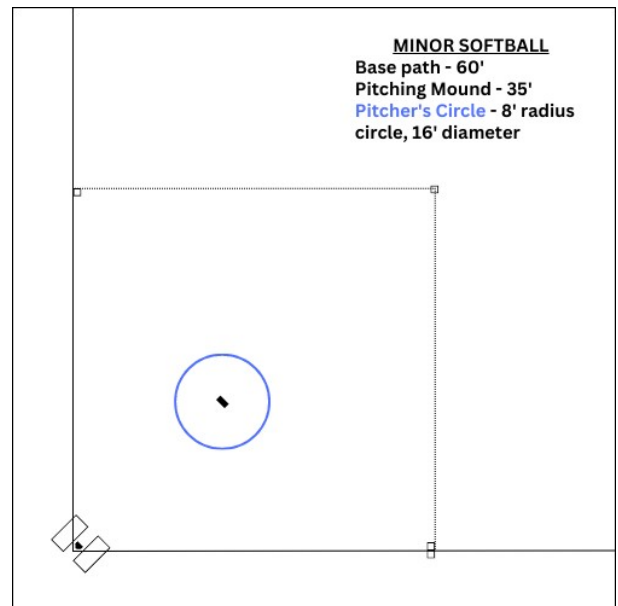


**SOFTBALL**  
**Minor League**  
**(9-10 year-olds)**

*All teams will use GameChanger as scorebook & pitch counter for all games. Discrepancies will be resolved based off the Home Team's account.*

1. All players must play 2 innings in the field of a full game.
2. Continuous batting order will be used with all players in the lineup.
3. Free substitution is allowed.
4. **No running on a dropped third strike.**
5. Stealing bases is permitted; runners may leave their base after the ball has crossed the plate
6. Players may steal only one base per pitch. An additional base is allowed on an overthrow.
7. After hitting the ball into the field of play a player may take as many bases as possible until the ball is possessed by the pitcher inside the pitcher's circle. If the runner is in between bases they must immediately advance or retreat to the nearest base.
8. A 10-man team on the field must have 4 outfielders.
9. Any team may start and play with 8 players, anything less than 8 players is considered a forfeit.
10. During season play, teams may borrow from other teams if necessary. The player must play the outfield and bat at the end of the batting order. Borrowed players **MUST** be Minor League age or below; a player from a division above may not play down. **Borrowed players MUST be registered with the Pike County Little League.**
11. No team shall score more than 5 runs in one inning. No game shall have more than 6 innings. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning, or last inning as determined by the umpire, will be played until 3 outs are recorded or the losing team concedes victory to the opponent.
12. Mercy rule is 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings.
13. Time limit is 1 hour and 30 minutes. The inning will be finished unless the home team is up to bat with the lead.
14. If at the end of the time limit the score is tied, it shall be a tie game in regular season play.
15. A total of 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout at a time per team.
16. Walk up music is allowed under the following conditions: 1) Music doesn't interfere with or delay the play of game 2) Music isn't derogatory 3) The volume of the music doesn't impede a coach's ability to communicate with his players 4) Umpires and league officials, at their discretion, may ask a team to adjust or discontinue the music at any point in a game.
17. Jewelry is not permitted at any times, except medical tags. You will be asked to remove any jewelry. This includes rings, necklaces, and earrings.
18. **Bat: USA stamp, 33 inches or less.**
19. Base paths are 60 feet.
20. Pitching distance is 35 feet from home plate.
21. An 11" softball will be used.
22. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 6 innings per calendar day with no other restrictions.



**NOTE: A LARGER STRIKE ZONE should be encouraged, and players should be assisted with the rules as they learn the game.**