



# Greater Fauquier Little League Baseball/Softball By-Laws



## Appendix (A) - Local Rules AAA Minors Division - Softball

*The most current Little League Softball Rules and Regulations will govern all play not specified below.*

### Mandatory Play

- No player shall sit out two (2) consecutive innings, nor shall any player sit out a second inning prior to all eligible players having sat out an inning. No player shall sit out a third inning prior to all eligible players having sat out two (2) innings.
- All players must play at least one (1) inning in the infield and one (1) inning in the outfield. If a player does not have an opportunity to fulfill these requirements due to a shortened game, it must be fulfilled in the 1st inning of the subsequent game.
- Infield positions are defined as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, base, shortstop, catcher and pitcher.

### The Defense

- The defense shall field a maximum of nine (9) players.
- All outfield players shall be positioned at least 20 feet beyond the outfield grass cut.
- A player in the outfield may not make a put out in the infield unless acting as a back-up on a run down. The outfielder must throw the ball to an infielder for an out.

### The Offense

- Each of the first five innings shall end after three outs, five (5) runs, or when all players have batted once during the half-inning, whichever comes first.
- The runner may attempt to steal after the pitch has passed the plane of the batter.
- In the sixth inning, each half inning shall end after three offensive players are legally put out, called out by an umpire or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half inning. (No five-run limit) · **Only one steal attempt at home is allowed per inning, successful or unsuccessful. If a runner attempts to steal home after one steal attempt is made in the same inning, the runner is considered live and must return before being tagged out. (coaches note: runners will not be allowed to freely return to 3<sup>rd</sup> base). If the catcher makes an errant throw returning the ball to the pitcher, it is a live ball, runners may attempt to advance as outlined above. If a runner scores as a result of an errant throw, it shall not be consider a steal attempt.**

### Starting and Ending the Game

- No new inning may start after 1 hour 45 minutes.
- The game shall not continue after 2 hours.
- There will be no time limit in playoff games.
- All non-regulation games or tie games that are stopped due to the time limit will be resumed as described in the Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations.

### Team Responsibilities, Pre and Post Game

- The home team will sit in the first base dugout.
- Pre-game practice time between games shall be divided equally between home and visitor when consecutive games are played on the same field in the same day.
- The home team is responsible for raking/grooming the field, lining the field, repairing the pitching mound, repairing the batter's box and putting away the bases.
- Although the home team has the responsibility for field maintenance prior to and after games, the visiting team should have volunteers to assist with getting the field ready for play and repairing the field at the end of the game.
- The home team scorekeeper shall be the official scorer and is designated as the official pitch count recorder for each game.
- Both teams shall clean up the dugouts and spectator areas after each game. However, the Home team has the final responsibility to ensure the cleanup has occurred.
- The home team is responsible for providing the game balls. A minimum of two new balls must be provided at the start of each game, and any additional balls as needed.