



Greater Fauquier Little League Baseball/Softball By-Laws



Appendix (A) - Local Rules *Little League Major 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.
- Every rostered player present at the start of the game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs (one (1) inning must be the infield) and bat at least one (1) time.
- For the purposes of this rule "six defensive outs" is defined as: A player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupies such position while six outs are made; "bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: A player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired or by reaching base safely.
- All infield players shall wear a facemask.

Batting

- Continuous batting order will be implemented within GFLL boundaries
- The dropped third strike rule will be in effect for all regular season and post season games.

The Offense

- The runner may attempt to steal after the pitch has passed the plane of the batter.
- **Fall Season(Weeknight Games Only):** Each of the first five innings shall end after three outs or five (5) runs. The top and bottom of the 6th will end when three (3) outs are made. Continuous Batting Order will still be in effect.

Starting and Ending the Game

- A Majors Division game is 6 innings.
- 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.
- Major Double Header, a break will be observed between games for players and umpires.

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.
- 10 minutes before game time shall be reserved for grooming the field and discussing ground rules with the umpire.
- 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.