

2026 SWLL A Minor League Baseball Playing Rules

A Minor League

- 3/4 inning games as time allows
- Little League International (LLI) 3-5-9 Rule-
 - Inning is completed when **(3)** outs are recorded, **(5)** runs are scored **(9)** Players Bat
- Rotary batting
- Utilize the batting tee for 1st inning
- Coach pitch 2nd inning
 - Underhand soft-toss style pitching or overhand pitching from one knee is recommended so that batter receives ball into hitting/swing zone from the proper line of sight-
 - Pitching Distance 30-35' from batter
 - Coach cannot walk the batter, only strikeout the batter
 - Maximum 5 Pitches per batter
 - After 5th Pitch- Player hits off Batting Tee
- Fielders rotate at beginning of inning (Every player should have the opportunity to play each position throughout the season)
- Situational play, base runner returns to the bench if called out (Sense of urgency for the runner to run through the base and fielders to make plays with good fielding/throwing techniques)
- Emphasize proper base running and situational fielding
- Play a max of 60-75 Minutes