



# Parent Overview: Softball Majors Division (ages 11-12)

A Little League player's age is defined by that player's age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

## What is Softball Majors?

The Softball Majors Division is an exciting level of competitive and instructional play where athletes continue developing advanced softball skills while experiencing a higher level of team strategy, responsibility, and game intensity. At this stage, players deepen their understanding of the sport and prepare for future competitive opportunities such as Juniors and tournament play.

## Purpose and Goals

- **Advance Core Skills:** Strengthen pitching technique, hitting against live pitching, advanced fielding mechanics, base running speed and strategy, and position-specific skill development.
- **Introduce Competitive Play:** Implement full game rules including stealing, bunting, walks, player pitching throughout the game, and more strategic coaching.
- **Game IQ Development:** Teach situational awareness, defensive positioning, communication on the field, and understanding umpire calls and regulations.
- **Promote Leadership & Sportsmanship:** Encourage players to take ownership of their growth while demonstrating respect, teamwork, and positive attitudes.

## Game Format

Softball Majors games feature full softball rules as defined by Little League

- **6-inning games** played on a 60-foot diamond (40 ft. pitching distance, 60 ft. base paths)
- **Live player pitching** with inning limits and required rest to protect young arms
- **Stealing, bunting, and advanced base running** permitted
- **Dropped third strike and infield fly rule** enforced
- **Continuous batting order** and GLL equal playing time rules are incorporated

Umpires call balls, strikes, and plays, providing players with a true competitive baseball atmosphere while still prioritizing fairness and development.

Softball Majors is the first division where wins and losses are recorded and includes a town championship tournament at the end of the season

## Equipment

Players should have a glove, batting helmet, grey softball pants, cleats and a personal bat that meets Little League regulations (GLL will provide a team jersey and visor)

## Parent Involvement

Parent support is essential for a great season. Families can help by:

- Encouraging effort, supporting all teammates and positive attitudes
- Helping players arrive on time and ready to play
- Come prepared with proper equipment
- Volunteering for team roles (Manager, Assistant Coach)
- Reinforcing skills and sportsmanship at home

## Key Takeaway

The Softball Majors Division provides a competitive yet supportive softball experience where athletes strengthen their skills, grow in confidence, and create lasting memories. Preparing players for future levels by building strong fundamentals, mental toughness, and strategic thinking.