



Parent Overview: Softball Minors Player Pitch Division (ages 9-10)

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

What is Minors Player Pitch?

The Softball Minors Player Pitch Division serves as an important bridge between the Softball Minors Coach Pitch Division and the more competitive Softball Majors Division.

Purpose and Goals

- **Skill Development:** Strengthen hitting mechanics, throwing accuracy, catching technique, base running, and defensive positioning.
- **Introduce Live Pitching:** Players pitch in games with coach support as needed to maintain pace and confidence.
- **Game Awareness:** Teach rules, situational thinking, and sportsmanship.
- **Fun & Growth:** Promote a positive environment that balances development with enjoyment and teamwork.

Game Format

- Players pitch with inning or pitch-count limits; coaches step in to pitch when necessary.
- Umpires enforce rules to mirror regulation softball in an age-appropriate way.
- Scores are not kept; the emphasis remains on development and not competition.
- All players rotate through both infield and outfield positions throughout the season.

Equipment

Players should have a glove, batting helmet with facemask, protective fielding mask, 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 Minors Player Pitch Division emphasizes respect—for teammates, opponents, coaches, and umpires. To create a challenging yet encouraging environment where players build solid softball fundamentals, gain confidence, grow as teammates, and prepare for higher-level play. Above all, the experience is intended to foster a love of softball in a supportive, age-appropriate environment.