

Whitefish Bay Little League Minors Softball Rules - Draft

- Official Little League Minors Softball rules of play will be utilized unless a specific modification or “house rule” is referenced in this document
- 11" raised seam softball will be used
- All bats must be USA or USSSA softball approved with a barrel not larger than 2 1/4"
- Fielding masks are optional with the exception of pitchers where they are required
- Catchers must wear full catchers gear including hockey goalie style helmet, chest protector and shin guards
- All batters must wear a helmet including when on deck, faceguard cages optional
- Bases will be 60'
- Pitching distance will be 35'
- A modified coach pitch rule will be in effect
 - Each at bat begins with player pitch using the standard Little League rules of play
 - If a batter gets to 4 balls or is hit by pitch before making an out or putting the ball in play, a coach from the batting team will enter to finish pitching the at bat
 - The count will continue with the same number of strikes before coach pitch and swinging and called strikes will be called by the umpire until the ball is put into play or the batter strikes out (e.g. if the batter has 2 strikes when the 4th ball is pitched, coach enters and if batter swings and misses at the first pitch, the batter has struck out)
 - No runners can advance on passed balls during coach pitch
- No bunting will be allowed including intentionally soft swings intended to facilitate a bunt type hit
- Dropped 3rd strike and infield fly will not be in effect
- Runners may advance on overthrows
- Runners may not advance when the ball is in the infield in control of the defense
- Runners may not straight steal but may advance 1 base per at bat on passed balls
 - Example: Player 1 is on first base while player 2 is at bat. Player 1 may advance to 2nd on a wild pitch during player 2's at bat, but any subsequent wild pitch or passed ball during player 2's at bat they must stay at 2nd base. If still on 2nd when player 3 (or any subsequent batter) comes to bat, they may advance to 3rd on a wild pitch or passed ball.
 - No advancing to home on a passed ball or wild pitch

- A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher of the upcoming inning regardless of number of outs
- 10 players may play in the field at once with 4 players designated as Outfielders who must play beyond the marked Infield boundary
- Continuous batting order and free defensive substitutions will be used for all games - i.e. it is the intent of this league that all players receive equal opportunities to play
- Teams must have 8 players in the field to play an official game
- Games will consist of 6 innings with a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit
 - A mercy rule will not be in effect
- A 6-run limit per inning will be in effect