

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT 12 2020 SOFTBALL INTER-LEAGUE PLAY RULES

The rules and regulations for NJ District 12 Little League Softball are those contained in the Minor League, Little League, Junior League and Senior League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules as published annually by Little League Baseball, Inc. with the following supplements:

1. The minor league shall be divided into Junior Minors, ages 7, 8 and 9; and Minors ages 8, 9 and 10.
2. The Major League shall be players who are 10, 11 and 12.
3. The Junior/Senior League shall be players who are age 13, 14, 15 and 16.
4. The following chart shall govern all inter-league play:

<u>Junior Minors / Rookie</u> <u>7-8-9</u>	<u>Minors</u> <u>8-9-10</u>	<u>Majors</u> <u>10-11-12</u>	<u>Junior/Senior</u> <u>13-14 & 14-16</u>
11 Inch Ball (Standard Non-RIF)	11 Inch Ball	12 Inch Ball	12 Inch Ball
Pitching Distance 35 ft.	Pitching Distance 35 ft.	Pitching Distance 40 ft.	Pitching Distance 43 ft.
Time Limit (See Minors)	Time Limit No New Inning after 2 hours or darkness or local rules where applicable	Time Limit (See Minors)	Time Limit (See Minors)
6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	7 Innings
Max. 5 Runs per Inning	Max. 5 Runs per Inning – through May 1, 2020 Max. 3 runs per inning – beginning May 2, 2020 (any runs scored on an over the fence home run would be counted irrespective of the run limit – up to 8 runs could be recorded through May 4 and 6 runs beginning May 5)	No new batter after 6 th run scores; a play must be made. (Up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)	No new batter after 6 th run scores; a play must be made. (Up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)
Coach pitch only	The rules below will apply through May 1, 2020. Beginning May 2, 2020 interleague games will be all Player Pitch. <u>Rules through May 1, 2020</u> If a batter is hit by a <u>player</u> pitched ball, the batter <u>MUST</u> go to 1 st base. Upon ball 4, the hitting team’s coach will pitch starting with the number of strikes in the count (continuous count). The coach will pitch to the batter and the umpire will continue to call balls and strikes. Upon strike 3, the batter is out. Example: If the batter has a count of 1 strike upon ball 4 being called, the batter will be given two more strikes to hit the ball or strike out.. There is a limit of 6 pitches that a coach may throw until the ball is put in play or the batter strikes out. A ball accidentally fielded by the coach pitcher shall be considered a “do-over”. No coaching from the mound. This does not include the coach-pitcher telling the batter how many pitches she has left and that she must swing at the sixth and last coach pitch. This rule specifically refers to coaching base runners from the mound, which is prohibited.	Player Pitch	Player Pitch

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No stealing	No stealing of home through May 1, 2020. Starting on May 2, 2020 stealing of home is permitted. Only 2 Attempts to steal 2 nd Base/ inning Leave when pitch reaches the batter	Unlimited Stealing Leave on Release	Unlimited Stealing Leave on Release
No Bunting	Bunting is permitted. Slap bunting is not permitted and will result in an out. Slap bunting is when the hitter “shows” bunt by taking a bunting stance and then pulls the bat back and hits away, usually “slapping” at the ball. Slap hitting IS allowed. Slap hitting is where the batter, usually from the left side, takes a half swing at the ball trying to hit it while starting to run towards first base. Fake bunting is permitted.	See Minors	All type bunting permitted
Continuous Batting Order (see Minors)	Continuous batting order including all players present at the start of the game. Free defensive substitution provided mandatory play is met. (Rule 4.04). Mandatory play is one at bat and six consecutive defensive outs. Any players arriving after the start of the game will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.	Continuous Batting Order (see Minors)	Continuous Batting Order (see Minors)
Players on field: 9 maximum, 6 minimum	Players on field: 9	Players on Field: 9	Players on Field: 9
Mercy Rule (4.10(e)) (See Minors)	Rule change to 15 runs after 3 Innings will not be adopted for the regular season but will be in effect for Tournament Play. For the regular season the rule will remain 10 runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if the Home team is ahead).	Mercy Rule (4.10(e)) (See Minors)	Mercy Rule (4.10(e)) (See Minors)
More than 9 players on the field is a violation of your insurance policy at all levels of play			
	Innings Pitched: by the book	Innings Pitched: by the book	Innings Pitched: by the book
	Pitchers Rest-By the Book	Pitchers Rest-By the Book	Pitchers Rest-By the Book
8 ft. radius Pitcher’s Circle	8 ft. radius Pitcher’s Circle	8 ft. radius Pitcher’s Circle	8 ft. radius Pitcher’s Circle
No Infield Fly Rule	No Infield Fly Rule	Infield Fly Rule	Infield Fly Rule
No Dropped Third Strike	No Dropped Third Strike	Dropped Third Strike	Dropped Third Strike
	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book

Reminder: There is no On Deck in any Little League game.
Only the player at bat may have a bat in their hands at any time.