

9-10 year olds

Spring and Fall 2021 District 19 West - Inter League Softball Rules

Rules approved by Colts Neck, Freehold Township and Marlboro LL Boards

Pitching	Pitchers mound distance = 35', 11" ball
	4 innings max per game, no weekly max. If a pitcher throws at least one pitch, it counts as an entire inning
	At the start of the season, the following rule shall apply: After a player pitcher has given up a combination of three (3) walks or hit by pitch in an inning, no further walking is permitted in that half inning. A player will continue to pitch, but if the count reaches ball four (4) after 3 walks, the batter's Coach will pitch to the batter until the player hits or strikes out. The pitcher will resume pitching to the next batter and this format will continue until the inning is over. The Umpire continues to call balls and strikes (the count does not reset). A hit batter counts as a walk. If a batter is hit by a pitch (from a player) the player takes first bases, even if it's after the 3rd walk. If the bases happen to be loaded, then the runner on 3rd scores., even if it's after the 3rd walk
	Starting on Saturday, May 8 (spring) / Oct 9 (fall), there will be no coach pitch. If pitcher removed during the game, she may re-enter as pitcher ONCE per game.
Stealing	At start of the season, unlimited steals, all bases except home. No delayed steals are allowed (see 9 below)
	Starting on Saturday, May 8, all based including home may be stolen and delay steals allowed at that time
	No Leading. May leave the base when the ball crosses the plate. Penalty for leaving early - Dead Ball (no play even if batter hits ball), return runner. Issue 1 warning per team per game, 2nd time runner is out.
	No Limit on overthrow, anchored at third. Starting on Saturday, May 8, players are not anchored at third. Even if runner leads and catcher throws into left field, player still anchored until May 8
Run Cap / Mercy	4 per inning max, except last. No mercy rule in effect during regular season Playoffs: Mercy - 12 after 4, 10 after 5 (still 4 runs per inning max)
Infield Fly, Dropped 3rd	Neither the infield fly or dropped 3rd strike are in effect
Bunting	Permitted, no pull back & swing - Penalty dead ball
Batting/Substitution	MUST bat full roster (continuous). Free substitutions.
# of Fielders	10. The 10th player must be an outfielder and may not start play at second base. Outfielders must start 10 feet behind second base or in the grass, whichever is shorter. After the ball is put in play, the outfielder may cover a base. 10 fielders in playoffs
Overthrow From Field	Runners may advanced unlimited bases on throw from outfield. Until May 7, base runners may continue to advance until the ball is thrown and crosses either the 1st-2nd or 2nd-3rd basepaths. At that time, play stops and baserunners can no longer advance. If runners are on their way to next base then they are awarded the next base, at umpires discretion. No advance on overthrows from the catcher to the pitcher, who is in the circle
Courtesy Runner	Mandatory, remove catcher with 2 outs, last batted out runs. Discretionary if less than 2 outs.
Borrowing of players	May borrow from other team to field full team, only play defense. No forfeits. If team has 7 players or more, then there will be no automatic outs. If less then 7, then one automatic out for each number below 7. May also borrow from pool players from the specific town. Discretion should be used if using pool players (ie. do not take the 3 best players from the other teams.)
Warm-up of pitcher	Only players may warm up pitchers. Managers or coaches are NOT PERMITTED to warm up pitcher
Coaches on Field	First & Third Base Coaches. No defensive coaches on the field.
Hit by Pitch	Not in effect during coach pitch, in effect player pitch. If a batter is hit by a pitched ball that rolls into the batter's box and the batter makes no attempt to allude the ball, the umpire shall call the pitch a ball and the count shall continue. A pitch that strikes a batter on the fly or after a bounce will result in the batter receiving first base. It is the umpire's discretion to determine whether or not an attempt was made to move out of the way of a pitch. If no attempt made, no base.

- Game duration: Six (6) innings for all levels subject to time restrictions
 - At 1:30 from Scheduled start time the NEXT inning shall become the last inning (finish the current inning and play one more inning).
 - On weekday games at fields with lights, home team manager may advise that start time is actual start time, not scheduled start time.
 - Playoff use time limit of 1:45. Championship games to be played to completion, and the Championship may be continued to another day.
- Sliding: Players are required to slide (or avoid contact) when going into any base when there is a play. Discretion of umpire. No head first slides.
- Playoffs - minimum of 8 players to not be a forfeit. If only 8, one automatic out. No pool players.
- No on-deck batters allowed to swing a bat.
- Winning manager must report score at marlborolittleleague.com, town head, and division head immediately.
- Each team supplies 1 game ball. 7. Bats must be BPF 1.20 only
- Cheering by parents should only be for their own team and should never be directed to the opposing team.
- A delayed steal is when the runner leaves at the time the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher.