

## 2020 Little League Rules - Minor Softball

<b>League Age</b>	<b>8-10</b>		
<b>Softball Size</b>	11-inch softball		
<b>Mandatory play time</b>	Six consecutive outs on defense (2 innings). Continuous batting order, all rostered players bat.		
<b>Innings</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Play time is 6 innings, or if game is called by umpire. No new inning after 1hr 45min.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minors - Five Run Rule per inning, except in 6th inning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Run Rule: If, after 4 innings (3 1/2 if home team leads) game may be called.</p>		
<b>Pitch Thresholds</b>	Max 12 innigs per game, 12 innings per day.		
<b>Rest</b>	<p>Six or fewer innings per day - no rest required.</p> <p>Seven or more innings in a day - one calendar day rest required.</p>		
<b>Pitching in consecutive games</b>	Pitching in consecutive games is allowed, subject to rest requirements.		
<b>Returning to Mound</b>	Pitcher may move to a different position and return to pitcher once per inning. If pitcher is withdrawn from the game defensively for a substitute, may NOT return as pitcher later in the game.		
<b>Warming up pitcher</b>	Players must be wearing a mask. Coaches must not warm up pitchers at homeplate or in the bull pen.		
<b>Visits to the mound</b>	Once time as been issued by the Homeplate umpire, a coach may visit the mound to talk to the pitcher. The pitcher must be replaced on the third visit in an inning or 4 visits in a game.		
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<b>Extra Inning Tie Breaker</b>	In the second extra inning, the batter scheduled to bat last that inning will start the inning as a runner at second base.		
<b>Batters</b>	Only the leadoff batter is permitted outside the dugout between innings. Use Little League approved bats. It will have the USA Baseball mark.		
<b>Understanding Infield Fly Rule</b>	<p>1) There must be less than 2 outs; 2) There must be runners on first and second OR first, second and third; 3) The fly ball cannot be a bunt or a line drive; 4) An infielder must be able to catch the ball with ordinary effort.</p> <p>The ball is live, and runners may advance at the risk of being caught or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same is on any fly ball.</p>		
<b>Baserunners</b>	<p>Secondary lead/base stealing is permitted after pitched ball crosses the batter.</p> <p>Baserunners are to slide feet first. Head first slides are ONLY permitted on a back pick attempt.</p>		
<b>Baserunner leaves early</b>	<p>If pitched ball is hit fair - baserunner who left early is removed from basepaths but not charged an out.</p> <p>If pitched ball is not hit - baserunner who left early returns to that base.</p>		
<b>Base Coach</b>	1 manager and 2 coaches allowed regardless of number of players. Two adult base coaches provided there is an adult in the dugout. A base coach may be a rostered player and must wear a helmet.		
<b>The No's</b>	No balks, No leading off, No drop third strikes, No watches, No necklaces, No jewelry, No on deck circles, No swearing, No throwing equipment. No holding or swinging bats in dugout.		
<b>Field Dimensions</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bases: 60 ft. Front edge of pitching plate to point of home plate: 35 ft. Pitchers circle, 8 ft. radius.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home to second base 85 ft.</p>		
<b>Field Setup &amp; Pickup</b>	Home team field setup and pickup. Recommend parent volunteers.		
<b>Game Balls</b>	Home team provides 3 game balls.		
<b>Scorebook &amp; Line-up Cards</b>	Scorebook & line-up cards are required to helps track pitch count, 5 run rule & substitutions.		
<b>Inning count logs</b>	Inning count logs are to be filled out after each game and signed by the opposing manager.		