

WPLL ROOKIE SOFTBALL RULES.xlsx

OVERVIEW	This is the last of the "Instructional" Softball divisions. The goal of this division is to continue to instruct in all aspects of softball fundamentals while giving each player the experience of a traditional game with a live pitched ball.
AGE	LITTLE LEAGUE AGE 7 AND 8 YEAR OLDS
GENDER	GIRLS
REQUIRED SKILLS UPON COMPLETION OF THE SEASON <i>OFFENSE</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper sliding technique • Advance base running concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tagging up • Offensive game situations
REQUIRED SKILLS UPON COMPLETION OF THE SEASON <i>DEFENSE</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Force Outs • Double Plays • Tag Plays • Proper fielding in the air and on the ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Situational" baseball • Substitutions • Outfield Positioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Cut Off" Plays • Moving on every play on defense
# OF INNINGS PER GAME	4 (1 ½ hr. time limit on games)
FIELD OF PLAY	Regulation Little League field 60' base paths 35' Pitcher's Mound
# OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD <i>DEFENSE</i>	All players on the field including a "pitcher" positioned on the mound. No Catcher.
# OF COACHES ON THE FIELD <i>DEFENSE</i>	3 One coach as the catcher. One coach as the pitcher. One Coach behind the infield directing play. AT NO TIME SHOULD A COACH TOUCH A BATTED BALL IN FAIR PLAY.
CATCHER	No catcher. Offensive Coach will play the position of catcher.
# OF COACHES IN THE FIELD <i>OFFENSE</i>	5 First Base, Third Base, Pitcher, Catcher, Bench Coach
UMPIRES	Defensive Field Coach will rule in the field. Offensive Coach at first base will rule at the base.

STRUCTURE OF GAME PLAY	The batting tee will be used for 2 innings followed by live pitching. The Offensive Coach will pitch after that to complete the game.
An At Bat	The maximum number of pitches during a player's at bat is 6 (6 pitches - coach) The player is to be given 4 swings (whether they make contact) during the duration of the at bat. If the batter does not strike the ball with 4 swings, the coach at the catchers position will roll a ball in to play and the batter will run to first base.
STRIKING OUT OFFENSE	WHEN USING THE TEE Batter has 4 swings to put the ball in play. (Missing the ball, hitting the tee, or foul balls are counted as a swing) WHEN FACING LIVE PITCHING Batter has 4 swings to put the ball in play. (Missing the ball, or foul balls are counted as a swing)
MAXIMUM # OF BASES ON A BATTED BALL	Station to Station. One base per each hit.
BASE RUNNING FORCE OUTS	All force-outs are in play.
PLAYS AT HOME PLATE & CATCHER'S ETTIQUETTE	THERE ARE NO PLAYS AT HOME. ALL OUTS SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE FIELD.
FIELDING PLAY OF A BATTED BALL	Tag plays are allowed. Double Plays are allowed. Force outs are in play. NO infield fly rule.
BASE RUNNING GENERAL	No leading off any base. No stealing of any base. Over-throws to all bases are considered "dead" and the runners may NOT advance. Base runner is allowed to tag up on a fly ball.
ENDING AN INNING/GAME # OF OUTS PER INNING	An inning shall be considered over when 3 outs are recorded or 5 runs have been scored by the team batting. 5 runs would not apply to the last half-inning of the game for home team. The home team can play to a tie. The inning would end after 3 outs have been recorded or after all players on the roster have batted once .
KEEPING SCORE	Score is kept Limited to a maximum of 5 runs per inning, per team.
GENERAL SAFETY	Helmets must be worn by all offensive players on the playing field. (batter and base runners) No one except the batter in the batter's box is allowed to hold/swing a bat at any time during the game. (Before, During and After!!)
BATTING ORDER	Continuous batting order. Roster batting is used.
USING THE TEE	Balls batted from the tee must be struck cleanly. No bunts or dribblers. The umpire will declare balls not struck cleanly foul. If this foul ball is caught on a fly, the batter is out. If not, the batter will be given a strike.

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BATTED BALL	Any batted ball that hits a coach (in fair territory) is considered "dead" and the batter is awarded first base. A foul fly ball is in play and can be "tagged up" on.
BASE RUNNING <i>SLIDING</i>	Foot first sliding is permitted. Head first slides will result in an automatic out. Foot first sliding is mandatory at home plate
SUBSTITUTIONS	All Positions.