

**St. James/Smithtown Little League**  
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**SOFTBALL LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

The goal of Little League is supposed to be a fun filled experience, where each child is given a chance to succeed and learn. The Board of Directors has added the following rules to supplement the Little League Rulebook.

- No inning shall start two hours after the scheduled start of the game.
- Game time shall be 6pm in all age brackets.
- Games can be re-scheduled as long as one week notice is given.
- All games are played regardless of how many players arrive. Teams have to give players to help in the field, if team has less than 8 players.
- The Little League Code of Conduct will be adhered to and enforced.
- Smoking is forbidden at any Little League event.
- Home team wears navy jerseys, away wears red.
- Please remove all trash and debris after all practices and games.

**8 Year Old Division**

**Pitching:(Child and Coach Pitch)** Unlimited innings per week. Pitcher must be in contact with the pitching rubber at start of the wind-up. Pitch must be delivered underhand not sidearm.

**Note:** Coach will stand behind pitcher from other team. Umpires will be advised that the strike zone is from the chin to the shins and 2 fists off the plate, anything hittable. If the ball lands on home plate, it is not a strike. After a full at bat 6 pitches (unless the third strike is fouled off) the coach will finish the at bat.

There are no walks the batter must hit or strike out. Hit by pitch, batter is awarded first base.

Example: Player pitches 4 balls in a row, coach pitches until 3 strikes or batter hits the ball. Umpires will be advised to use a regular strike zone when coaches pitch shoulders to the knees.

Example: Player pitches 2 strikes 4 balls, coach pitches 1 more strike or batter hits the ball.

**NOTE: Players and coaches must pitch from the proper distance of 30 feet, measured from the back tip of home plate to the front of the pitching rubber. See below image.**

**Catchers:** Speed up rule is in effect, after the second out is recorded in an inning. Catchers occupying a base, as a runner, must be run for by the last batted out. This will allow catcher time to equip properly in order to prevent delays.

**Batting:** Facemasks and chinstraps are **MANDATORY**. Bats **MUST** be Little League approved. (<https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>) All players are included in lineup. Late arriving players should be added to the bottom of the batting order. Players forced to leave early will have their spot in lineup skipped without penalty.

**Infield Fly:** Not in effect.

**Dropped Third Strike:** Not in effect.

**Scoring:** Maximum run rule is in effect. No player will bat after the fifth run is recorded in their half of the innings. (ex. 4 runs already recorded for team, bases loaded, batter hits grand slam...team tallies 8 for their half of inning). Note – teams will bat through the line up, if the team in the field has not recorded 3 outs the inning is over. If a team is short player, when that team is batting they will bat the amount of players based on the other team. If they bat 10 players the team short will bat 10 players.

**Defense:** Teams shall use a 10 fielder alignment. No player shall sit two innings consecutively. All players must play a minimum of 3 innings. Alignment must

**Fielding** – If ball is hit to outfield runners can advance until the ball is returned to the infield. At that point runners must stop at those bases. If a player catches a ground ball and the throw to any base is overthrown players will not advance. They must remain at that base. We want the fielders to make the play even if the player has reached the base.

**Bases:** 60ft - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base are measured from the rear tip of home plate to back corner of base. 2<sup>nd</sup> base is measured from center of base to baseline. See below image.

**Stealing** – No,

**Playoffs** - No

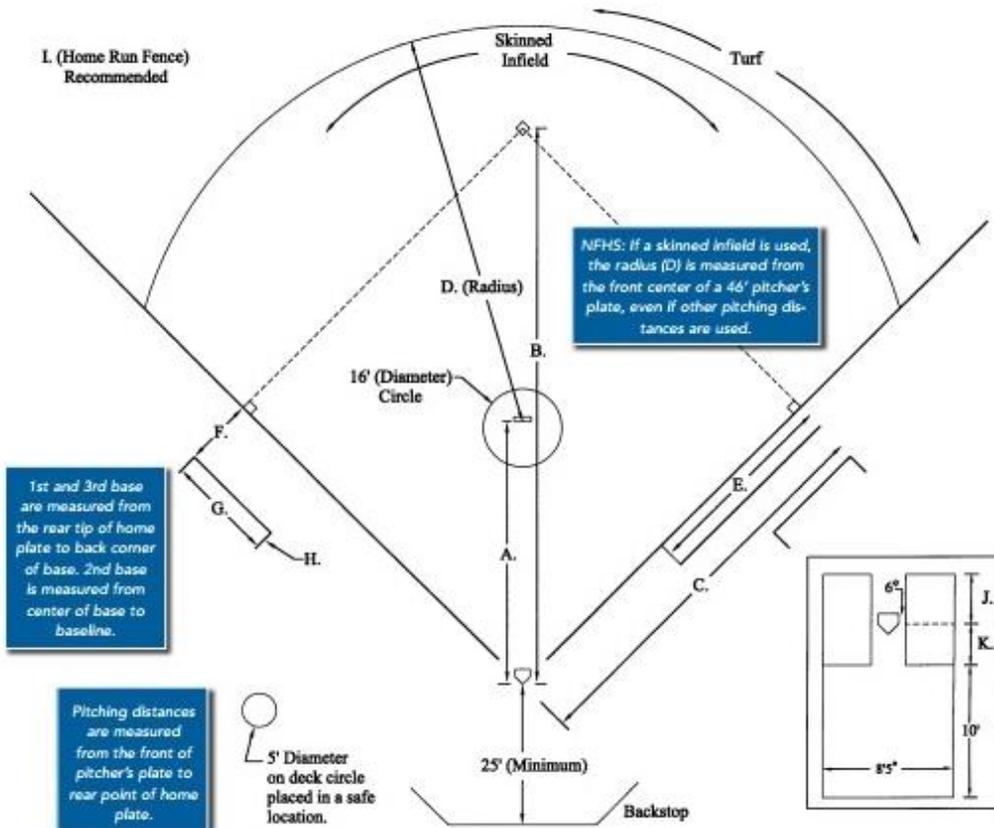
**Rainouts:** Visit the leagues website listed above for all cancellations due to weather.

**All rainouts must be made up. All rainouts will be played the Saturday of the week the game was postponed if it occurs on Monday or Tuesday of that week otherwise the game will be moved to the following Saturday. If two games were cancelled, plan on playing both games on that Saturday. Based on schedule, the game listed first will be played at 9:00 AM, second 11:00 AM, Third 1:00 PM and so on. All rainouts will be played at Smithtown East, the field by the track. If a game has to be postponed the rainout rule will apply. I will need at least one week notice of postponement and the other coach has to agree. This only applies if a team is going to have less than six (6) players.**

**Makeup's:** Coordinator will schedule makeup of postponed games.

*Play nice, have a good time. This is for the kids, we know you like it too. Make it fun!*

# SOFTBALL MEASUREMENTS



**SOFTBALL FIELD MEASUREMENTS BY GROUP**

GROUP	TYPE/AGE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
YOUTH	FASTPITCH / GIRLS	30'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'
	FASTPITCH / GIRLS / 10U	35'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'
	FASTPITCH / GIRLS/ 12U	40'	84'-10"	60'	60'	30'	8'	15'	3'	175'-200'	4'	3'