

SSHLL Major League In House Rules for Softball

- Minimum of 8 players needed to start a game. Players may be borrowed from other major teams, if needed to field a team of 10. Borrowed players MAY NOT PITCH OR CATCH. Borrowed players must bat last in the batting order. If playing with only 8 players, 9th position in batting order is an automatic out.
- Maximum of 3 adults (manager/2 coaches) allowed during the game in the dugout and also at pre-game warm ups. If a manager/coach is unable to attend a game, a substitute adult will be permitted to be in the dugout.
- All players must play a MINIMUM of 3 defensive innings (does not need to be consecutive).
- Four outfielders are permitted to be spread across the outfield. NO SHORT CENTER.
- Consecutive batting order will be used for all games. Once again, if only 8 batters, 9th batting position becomes an automatic out. NO penalty for injured player leaving the game; however if a player leaves for any other reason and team is left with less than 9 batters, the vacated spot will become an automatic out.
- There will be no cheering from the score booth. Scorekeepers must appear to be impartial, and not talk to players during the game. It is the manager's responsibility to remind the parents of this rule. **NO COACHING MAY BE DONE FROM THE SCOREBOOTH. Umpires must be made aware of this rule prior to the start of the game.** Umpires may remove anyone from the score booth at any time.
- No spectators may be permitted to stand/sit adjacent to the score booth, even if it's the only spot of sun on the field. All spectators must remain in the stands or along the right field fence. *Please inform your players' parents.*
- Only base coaches may stand out of the dugout while on offense. The base coach MUST REMAIN in the coach's box. If no coach's box is drawn, the coach must remain in foul territory, no more than 3 feet from the base in any direction. A player may coach a base, if needed. Player must wear a helmet if coaching.
- ***As per Little League rules: If a player pitches in more than one inning, one calendar day of rest is required. A player may pitch in a maximum of 9 innings in a game. A player may pitch a maximum of 18 innings in a calendar week, Sunday – Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning. (p.43 (b))***
- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- Stealing is permitted when the pitcher releases the ball.
- Bunting is permitted.
- Dropped third strike is in NOT effect.
- All players must remain in the dugout while not on the field, with the exception of the on deck batter only.
- 7 runs per inning limit.
- Mercy rule – 10 runs after 4 innings.
- All rules not stated on this sheet are available in the 2014 LL Softball Rulebook. Please read at your leisure. ☺

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FIELD A TEAM FOR ANY GAME, the opposing manager and I must be informed immediately. Umpires must be cancelled, or another team may be called upon to fill the slot, so advance notice is necessary. If you are short players, please call other teams to see if they have anyone available.