

2025 MINORS SOFTBALL RULES

NOTE: These rules are not comprehensive. These are primarily the ways in which our league differs from standard Little League Softball rules. Please refer to the official Little League Softball Minors rules ([download the free Little League Rulebook App](#)) for anything not covered in this document.

1. A player may not play in both the Minor and Major leagues without consultation and approval of league officials and/or coaches of each town. Any team violating this rule will be subject to forfeiture of games in which an infraction occurred.
2. Weekday games must start by 6:00 p.m. If one team cannot field a team of at least 8 players by 6:15 p.m., the game shall be declared a forfeit. The Umpire's clock is the official clock.
3. No new innings can be started after 8 p.m. Innings started before 8 p.m. may be completed.
4. Games are 6 innings long.
5. A rained-out game is considered complete after 4 complete innings (3 ½ if the home team leads).
6. Teams can only score 5 runs per inning, except for the final inning when there is no limit.
7. Coaches can bat as many players as they wish (including their whole line up) and play no more than 10 in the field. There are no restrictions on substitution.
8. No Stealing. No leading. No advancing on passed balls by the catcher, wild pitches or dropped third strikes. Baserunners can advance on an overthrow to a base at their own risk.
9. No infield fly rule.
10. If a pitcher walks three players in an inning, the coach of the hitting team takes over as pitcher. Strikes are still called, and players can still strike out but there are no walks.
11. A base runner must attempt to avoid a collision with the defensive fielder when there is a play at a base. This may be achieved by sliding. A runner that collides with a fielder without attempting to avoid a collision, or endangers the defensive player or him/herself, may be called out by the umpire. Players must slide if there is the possibility of a play at home.
12. Fielders may not block bases without the ball. Runners will be awarded the base safely at the umpire's discretion.
13. If a player throws a bat or other equipment so that, in the opinion of the umpire, another player, umpire, coach, or spectator could have been injured or equipment damaged, then the umpire must rule the batter out and no runners advance.
14. An umpire may eject any coach, player or spectator for poor sportsmanship. All ejections must be reported to your league officials and commissioners.
15. Batting helmets must have a protective face mask. A pitcher or infielder may wear a protective face mask.
16. Umpires will be supplied by the home team.
17. The pitching distance at this level is 35 feet (consistent with Little League Softball Minors regulations) and shall be measured from the back point of home plate to the front edge of the pitcher's plate.

Weather-Related Rules

1. Thunder and Lightning – The instant that thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the game will stop. All players need to seek shelter. Coaches need to make sure their teams are safe. The

game may resume at the umpire and coaches agreed discretion (suggested to wait until 30 minutes has passed without seeing lightning or hearing thunder).

2. If a game must be rescheduled due to a stoppage for thunder and lightning, the game will resume at the same point at the next available time (i.e. bottom of the second, 2 outs). Attempt to verify this information before leaving the area with the head coaches. Scheduler must be notified of rescheduling time.
3. Postponed games should be made up the same week. First option is Friday, second is Saturday morning. All postponed games must be made up before the last regular season game.
4. Coaches must agree to cancel a game ahead of time due to rain. If they have not confirmed a cancellation with the opposing coach at least one hour before the scheduled start of the game, then both teams must show up for the game or be subject to normal rules of forfeiture.

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