



2009 Mini Minor League Softball Rules

A Softball Division for 7,8 and 9 year old girls*

Rosters: Official rosters of each team will be filed with the *Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator* before the first game. Rosters may be of any size. Roster changes will be submitted to the *Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator* within three calendar days.

Home Team: The team listed second on the scheduled playing date is the home team and shall have the playing field for ten minutes at twenty minutes before game time for their warm ups.

Visiting Team: The team listed first on the scheduled playing date is the visiting team and shall have the playing field for ten minutes at ten minutes before game time for their warm ups.

Playing Field: Prior to the start of the Mini Minor League Softball season, each participating league will prepare ground rules that are unique to their fields. *A copy of these ground rules will be supplied to the Little League Softball Assistant District Administrator.* These ground rules shall be covered at the pregame conference with the umpires. Each league is responsible for the preparation of the fields.

Softball: Softballs will be 11" safe soft, white or optic yellow. (MacGregor 11SS)

Umpires: The home team shall provide a minimum of two umpires, 16 years or older.

Starting Time: Weekday games will start at 6:00PM. (Unless prior arrangements have been made.) Weekend games will start at the scheduled time. Every effort should be made to reschedule games not played due to weather.

Ending the Game: On Saturdays, no inning shall start 20 minutes before the start of the next game. A new inning starts when the third out of the previous inning has been made. Once an inning starts, it shall be completed unless halted by an umpire or if the home team is ahead at the conclusion of the visiting teams at bat or when the home team scores the winning run in their half of the inning. Any game that has not completed two full innings will be resumed from where the game was halted and continue till the end of the second inning. This will be done when the teams play the next scheduled time. The home team prior to the start of the game may impose a time limit.

Half Inning: A half inning shall end when the defensive team has recorded three outs or **when the offensive team has scored 5 runs.**

Regulation Game: A regulation game shall consist of two innings.

Darkness: Calling the game due to darkness is the **sole judgment of the umpires** and not any local league rule.

District Tournament of Champions: No TOC will be played in Mini Minor.

Outfielders: All outfielders shall remain in the outfield until the ball is hit. **(Only nine players may be used on defense.)**

Batting: All members of the offensive team will make up the batting order. Late arrivals will be added to the bottom of the batting order. Each batter will receive no more than 5 pitches. If on the last pitch the batter strikes the ball, and the ball lands foul an additional pitch is allowed. A batter who fails to make contact and hit a fair ball is not out. **No bunting is allowed.**

Runners: No stealing of bases is allowed.

Pitching: Adult pitchers will be used. The adult will pitch from a distance of no less than 30' nor farther than 35'. The defensive pitcher will be no closer than 35'.

These are guidelines only and may be altered to suit those leagues that interleague together.

A copy of local playing rules to be filed with the softball ADA.

Protest: There are no protests in Mini Minor Softball. The decision of the umpires will be final.

Any rule not specifically mentioned here is covered by the rules of Little League Softball 2009.

*** 6 year olds are eligible if they played Tee Ball as a 5 year old.**