

## 2009 Little League Softball Tournament Rule Differences

Divisions	9 & 10 Softball	10/11 Year Softball	Little League Softball	Junior League Softball	Senior League Softball	Big League Softball
Eligibility (League Age)	9/10 yrs old From Major or Minor Divisions	10/11 yrs old From Major or Minor Divisions	11/12 yrs old Major Division Only	12, to 14 years old 13 to 14 Senior, or Big League	13, to 16 years old 14 to 16 Senior, or Big League	14 to 18 years old Junior, Senior, or Big League
Roster Size	Maximum Team Roster 14 players.				Max. 16 Players	Max. 17 Players
	<b>Total 13 players or more at start of the game. 1 Manager and 2 Coaches</b>					
	<b>Total 12 players or less at start of the game. 1 Manager and 1 Coach</b>					
Mandatory Play Requirements	MUST complete one time at bat, AND play three (3) consecutive defensive outs during the game: (may be protested) unless game is shortened for any reason				None Required	None Required
Penalty	Manager suspended for 2 games POSSIBLE team forfeiture and disqualification					
Softball Size	11 inch	12 inch				
Pitching Distance	35 Feet	40 Feet				
Innings Pitched Allowed (4. f.)	Seven (7) innings per day.		Nine (9) innings per day.	Ten (10) innings per day. (Tournament Rule 4. e.)		
Pitching Rest	One (1) calendar day, if three (3) or more innings are pitched on previous day.		One (1) calendar day, if five (5) or more innings are pitched on previous day.			
	<b>MAY</b> pitch in next level of tournament with one (1) calendar days rest Levels are: District, Section, State, Division, Region and World Series					
Pitching On Consecutive Days	If less than three (3) innings were pitched the previous day. Games suspended resumed the following day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may pitch to the extent of the remaining eligibility for that game.		May pitch on consecutive days if <b>less</b> than five (5) innings pitched. Games suspended resumed the following day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may pitch to the extent of the remaining eligibility for that game.			
Pitching In Consecutive Games	As long as the required days rest is complied with, a player may pitch in consecutive games within any level of Tournament Play.		As long as the required days rest is complied with, a player may pitch in consecutive games within any level of Tournament Play.			
Pitchers Returning to the Mound	Pitcher's remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. Visit counts on that pitcher do not reset.					
Substitution and Re-Entry Starter or Substitute	A starter may be removed for a substitute <b>BEFORE</b> meeting MPR Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time in the <b>SAME</b> position in the batting order. A substitute entering the game for the first time may not be removed prior to completion of her/his mandatory play requirements, (3) defensive outs <b>AND</b> completed one time at bat.				A starter (including the DH) who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game once, provided such player occupies the same position in the batting order. <b>A</b> substitute (removed) may not re-enter.	
Line-up Changes	Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn at bat or is on base.					
Double Headers	Regional Approval Only			No more than two (2) games in one day allowed		
Offensive Conferences	Only one (1) per inning					
Defensive Conferences (Visits) With Pitcher or any defensive player(s)	Two in an inning; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the third visit in an inning. Three in a game; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the fourth visit in the game. Manager/Coach may visit at the mound with any other player(s) Visit count resets for new pitcher, but does <b>NOT</b> reset for returning pitcher.					
Regulation Game (Complete)	Six full innings, 5 1/2 if home team is ahead			Seven full innings, 6 1/2 if home team is ahead		
Regulation Game (Called)	4 full innings or 3 1/2 if home team is ahead			5 full innings or 4 1/2 if home team is ahead		
Little League Curfew	No new inning may start after 11:00 p.m.			No new inning after 11:30 p.m.		12:00 midnight
Local Curfew	Local curfews stopping game before LL curfew must be suspended and completed the following day.					
Designated Hitter	Not allowed					Allowed - Rule 3.03 (e)
10 Run Rule	After 4 innings, 3 1/2 if home team is ahead			After 5 innings, 4 1/2 if home team is ahead		
Special Pinch Runner	Allowed (Rule 7.14) - once per inning, any player not presently in the lineup may be used. A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner one time during a game.					
Intentional Base on Balls	Must throw pitches to the batter.			Batter can be waved to first base before a pitch is thrown 8.03 (c), the ball is dead.		
On Deck Batting Position	Not allowed - Only the lead-off batter permitted outside the dugout between half-innings			Permitted		
Equipment 1.11	No metal cleats; long (male) or short model chest protector, protective cup, (male) catcher. Dangling throat protector for all helmets. 6 NOCSAE batting helmets required.			No metal cleats allowed; long or short model chest protector, protective cup, for male catcher. Catchers helmet with dangling throat protector for catcher. 7 NOCSAE batting helmets required.		
	<b>Re-painted and re-applied decals on helmets not allowed unless by written approval from manufacturer.</b>					
Bats 1.10 Length/Diameter	Max. length 33"; max. diameter 2 1/4			Max. length 34"; max diameter 2 1/4"		
	Wood bats may not be less than (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30 inches) at its smallest part. <b>No baseball bats are allowed. An illegal bat must be removed</b>					
Protests:	<b>Playing Rule:</b> Must be made before the next pitch/play/or attempted play. <b>Ineligible Pitcher or Mandatory Play:</b> Must be made before the umpires leave the playing field. <b>Ineligible Player:</b> When facts become known to complainant, but before the next game for either team. <b>Improper Substitution:</b> Protest not resolved before the next pitch or play shall not be considered.					