

**District 9 Local Rules  
Little League Softball League  
Girls Majors (12U)**

1. Free substitution will be allowed on the field (pitchers per LLI official rules).
2. A game can be played with a minimum of 8 players. Teams with 8 players will not be charged an out for the player in the 9th position. All players are required to play at least 2 complete innings per game and get one at-bat. Players arriving late are required to play a portion of the required innings depending on when the player arrives. If a player arrives before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, the player is required to play 2 innings in a 5 or 6 inning game, or 1 inning in a 4 or fewer inning game. If a player arrives after the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning but before the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the player must play 1 inning in a 5 or 6 inning game and at the coach's discretion in a 4 inning or fewer game. Players arriving after the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning play at the coach's discretion.
3. Continuous batting orders, in which all players at the game bat, regardless of whether they are playing the field, will be used throughout the game. If a player arrives after the game has started, both the opposing manager and umpire should be notified, and the player will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
4. Games are 6 innings and a minimum of 1 Hour & 45 Minutes. There is no mercy rule. Games can be called before 6 innings at the umpire's discretion. If back-to- back games are scheduled on the same field (e.g. 3:00 and 5:00), a new inning cannot start 1 hour and 45 minutes from the start of the game (4:45 for a 3:00 game). Coaches can agree to continue past 2 hours if there is no other game scheduled after their game.
5. Teams should arrive at least 30 minutes before game time. Throwing and batting practice should take place in the outfield. Each team will be given 10 minutes prior to the game for infield practice with the visiting team going first. All warm- ups should be complete 5 minutes before game time. Players must wear a catcher's mask when warming up pitchers. An adult coach must always be present in the dugout. Players who coach bases must wear helmets.
6. With two outs, if the catcher or pitcher for the team batting is on base, her team has the option to remove her and replace her with a courtesy runner. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.
7. An inning will be considered over when:
  - a) 3 outs occur, or
  - b) 5 runs have scored.
8. The 6<sup>th</sup> inning (or whichever inning is designated the last inning) and any later innings of the game will be played as "open softball". The limit on the number of runs scored in the inning will not apply. Due to time limits and darkness, it is the umpire's decision as to what will be the "last" inning of the game. The umpire can call a game at any time for safety concerns (darkness, weather, etc).

9. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch no more than 4 innings per game in an effort to develop more pitchers. (1 pitch equals 1 inning).
10. Any single pitcher that hits 3 batters in the same inning must be replaced at the rubber for the remainder of the inning. The affected pitcher will be allowed to return to the rubber in future innings and their HBP tally restarts at 0. The partial inning counts toward their 4-inning maximum.
11. The LLI Rulebook governs all rules. All disputes that cannot be settled on the field must be raised to each town's local Little League Board of Directors within the league.