

**District 9 Local Rules
Little League Softball
(8U)**

1. Games will be six (6) innings or 90 minutes (based on actual start time).
2. 11" Little League approved RIF balls will be used (two supplied by the home team).
3. "On Deck" batters are PROHIBITED. The only player with a bat in their hand shall be in the batter's box or entering/exiting the batter's box.
4. In case of rain or potential wet fields, the team manager or designee should communicate to confirm field conditions and game start time.
5. Players must be on the field and ready to play 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. There are no forfeits due to not having enough players.
6. A continuous batting order, 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, the player will be added to the bottom of the batting order.
7. Only (10) defensive players may be on the field at one time. (4) outfielders must play on the edge of the outfield grass or farther back while the ball is being pitched. The positions in the outfield are left, left center, right center and right (no rover). For those teams with large rosters, coaches are encouraged to take extra players to deep outfield / out of play to do skills work when players do not have a position.
8. A half inning is concluded after (3) outs or (5) runs are scored.
9. Batters and/or runners are limited to (2) bases off a batted ball. This includes overthrows.
10. Stealing & Bunting is prohibited.
11. Managers/coaches will pitch during the regular season until **MAY 15th**. Strikes will not be recorded during this time. Use your best judgement to keep the game moving. (10) reasonable pitches and then move to a side/soft toss. Find the bat as we want to discourage tees and embarrassment to the player.

AFTER MAY 15th, players will pitch from 25 feet. Strikes will be counted. No walks will be allowed. After (4) balls, the strike count will carry over, and the coach will pitch the remainder of the at bat. The batter may strike out on coach pitch, either swinging or looking. Please make sure it's a "perfect" pitch if recording a strike looking. The manager/coach will call the strikes for their respective team.
12. Only registered & approved coaches, volunteers and players in uniform are allowed on the field.