

District 35 and District 36 Amendments to Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules

Minor Softball Division 2016

No player born before the birth year 2005 is eligible to play in the Major Division. Players should be born in the years 2005 and 2006. Younger girls (2007 and 2008) may play in this division during the regular season but will not be eligible for Williamsport Tournament teams.

The Little League International rule states that you cannot start or play a game with less than 9 players. We have voted to allow play with 8 players.

The Little League International Rule states that there can only be 3 outfielders defensively. We will allow 4 outfielders so that the girls in interleague play will have more playing time.

Scheduling and game play shall be defined in the 2016 Little League publication, Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, with the following amendments:

IV(i) All players must play a minimum of three innings in the field. All players should be rotated into the infield on a regular basis regardless of ability.

VII(f) At the conclusion of the regular season a tournament type playoff shall take place to determine the league champion.

1.08 The home team players bench shall be on the first base side.

3.01 Each home team shall supply one new ball for game play.

3.05 The pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position if during one inning of play that pitcher walks 3 batters in any order and reaches four balls on any subsequent batter. At that time the opposing coach shall finish pitching until the batter is struck out or hits the ball. The pitcher shall re-enter the game to pitch to the next batter in the line-up. (This rule limits the amount of walks in an inning to three.)

3.10 (b) If lightning is seen during a game, the umpire-in-chief shall be alerted. Both teams shall then proceed to seek shelter and wait 20 minutes before resuming play. Each time lightning is seen, play must be halted for another 20 minutes.

4.10(a) A regulation game consists of six innings. The game shall be called due to time limitations in the following situation: No inning can begin 2 hours past the scheduled start time.

5.07 When three offensive players are legally put out, that team takes the field and the opposing team becomes the offensive team (side retired). The following are addendums to this rule:

(a) During innings one through 5, when the offensive players score 5 runs, before three players are legally put out, that team takes the field and the opposing team becomes the offensive

team. This is not true in the sixth inning. It also does not apply when the umpire determines that due to darkness the next inning shall be the last inning

6.08 The batter becomes a runner and is entitled to first base without liability to be put out (provided said runner advances to and touches first base) when-

(a) Four Balls have been called by the umpire; the ball is live and in play.

Base runners may advance. The following is an amendment to this rule:

(1) If three previous batters have reached base in this manner in any order, the present batter must hit the ball or be hit by a pitched ball to become a runner.

(This rule limits the amount of walks in an inning to three.)

Coaches should do their best to keep games competitive and fun for everyone!

If a team is up by 10 or more runs, NO stealing is allowed.

6.05(d), (k)- There is no infield fly rule.