

Softball Majors Rules Summary

All rules not referenced in this summary follow the 2024 Little League Softball Rulebook

Time Limit (Regular Season): No new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes. All regular season games will have a two-hour drop dead time limit. Any game lasting one-hour and forty-five minutes will be considered an official game regardless of the number of innings played.

Time Limit (Playoffs): There will be no drop-dead time limit however no new inning will start after one hour and forty-five minutes. If the game is tied at the end of time expiration, the game will continue until a winner is determined.

Batting Lineup: Continuous batting lineup will be used.

Minimum Play: Must play defensively at least every other inning.

Run Limits: There is no per inning run limit. Little League Rule 4.10(e) will be utilized. The game will be considered official if meeting the “15 after 3 innings”, “10 after 4 innings” or “8 after 5 innings” mercy rule. There will also be a maximum 7-run per inning rule used.

Number of Players: A game may start or continue with only 8 players. When the 9th position comes up in the batting order, the position is skipped without penalty as long as it is vacated.

Courtesy Runner: A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher of record when there are two outs. The courtesy runner is the player in the lineup who made the last out.