

## Rules for All Divisions:

1. The only acceptable reasons for game reschedule are rainout / field closure, and umpire availability.
  - a. If a team is short on players, they may borrow players from other teams. Borrowed players must be registered and active players for D3 Little League in the current season. Borrowed players must be placed at the bottom of the batting order. Borrowed players must meet the age requirements.
    - i. Borrowed players must wear the jersey of their primary team while playing for another team so that they can be easily identified.
    - ii. Borrowed players are not allowed to play pitcher or catcher for the team they are subbing for.
    - iii. Borrowed players can be borrowed from older leagues only if that player is age eligible for the league they are being borrowed in.
  - b. **For Rookies, Minors and Majors league only** - a borrowed player may only play outfield positions. This rule is to be monitored / tracked by the coaches, not the umpire. There shouldn't be a question about this, and it shouldn't need to be challenged. The rule is clear here; it has been modified based on collective feedback across all leagues from past seasons; this is why we are all agreeing to adjust it.
    - i. **If there are only eight (8) players and/or not enough players to fill the infield (injury or not enough players) then one (1) of the borrowed players may play the infield and be rotated with the other borrowed players to fill the missing infield position.**
      1. A borrowed player may play an infield position three (3) different innings per game only - e.g., a borrowed player can only play shortstop for one (1) inning, second base for one (1) inning, third base for one (1) inning or first base for one (1) inning.) This means they can play 3 of the 4 infield positions of the coach's choice. If the game goes beyond three (3) innings and the borrowed player has exhausted all infield positions, the borrowed player must play in the outfield for the remainder of the game.
      2. If a regularly rostered team player arrives late, then they play the infield and the borrowed moves to the outfield and remain in the outfield. A borrowed player may play an infield position 3 different innings per game only. (E.g., a borrowed player can only play shortstop for one (1) inning, second base for one (1) inning or third base for one (1) inning) So that means they can play three (3) of the four (4) infield positions of the coach's choice. If the game goes beyond three (3) innings and the borrowed player has exhausted all infield positions, the borrowed player must play in the outfield for the remainder of the game.
2. Rookies and Minors – During the regular season teams may borrow up to three (3) players to get to 10 players max.
3. Rookies and Minors – During the post season or playoffs teams may borrow up to two (2) players in to get to 10 total players
4. Majors and Juniors/Seniors – During the regular season teams may borrow up to three (3) players to get to nine (9) players total.
5. Majors and Juniors/Seniors – During the postseason or playoffs teams may borrow up to two (2) players to get to nine (9).

Teams need at least eight (8) players to start a game.

## Little League Softball – Juniors/Seniors Division Rules

### General:

1. This division plays on a 60-foot diamond with a pitching distance of 43 feet.
2. All players in attendance must participate per the Mandatory Play Rule.
3. On deck batters are allowed.
4. No new inning may start after the game time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
5. A regulation game consists of six (6) innings of play. A game is official after four (4) innings of play.
6. If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 3-innings or 10 runs after 4-innings, the game shall end and is considered official.
7. Coaches on fielding teams must remain in the dugout with one coach positioned at the opening. No buckets or seating is allowed outside of the dugout. No coach can be positioned on the field (e.g., down the third base line, etc.)
8. Rule 7.08 (3) states "A.R. - There is no must slide rule."
9. Rule 7.08 (4) permits Juniors / Seniors head-first sliding.

Each batting team shall also be allowed two (2) baserunning coaches. One coach can be positioned at first base. Once coach can be positioned at third base.

### Pitching:

10. Players shall pitch the ball to batters.
11. Coaches must abide by the rest requirements outlined in "Regulation VI – Pitchers" within the Little League Softball Rulebook.
12. The penalty for an illegal pitch is a ball.

### Fielding:

13. There are no restrictions regarding defensive positioning or rotations.
14. Fielders masks are optional for all players.
15. Pitchers must wear masks

### Batting:

16. All players in attendance bat in a continuous order.
17. Bunting and slashing are permitted.
18. The dropped third strike rule is in effect.
19. The infield fly rule is in effect.
20. A batter hit by a pitched ball shall be awarded first base.
21. No team can score more than five (5) runs in an inning for the first two (2) innings. The side is retired after three (3) outs, or (during the first two (2) innings) when the offensive team scores five runs.

### Base Running:

22. Look Back Rule is in effect: when the pitcher has control of the ball in the pitcher's circle and is not attempting to make a play on a runner (including a fake or threatened throw); any runner stopped on a base must stay on the base, and any runner not on a base must immediately either advance toward the next base or return to the previous base. Any subsequent change in direction or stop by the runner while off the base will result in the runner being called out, so long as the pitcher does not attempt to make a play.
23. Base runners may attempt to advance at their own risk on overthrows of any base.
24. Leadoffs are permitted after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
25. Base stealing is permitted.

26. A courtesy runner is permitted for the pitcher and/or catcher of record with two (2) outs.  
The courtesy runner should be the player in the batting order who made the last out.