

2005 Little League Girls Softball Tournament Rule Differences

	9 & 10 Softball	11 Softball	Major Softball	Junior Softball	Senior Softball	Big League Softball
Eligibility	9/10 yrs old Major or Minor Divisions	11 years old Major or Minor Divisions	11 or 12 years old Major Division Only	13 or 14 years old Junior or Senior Divisions	14, 15 or 16 years old Jr/Sr/Big Lg	16, 17 or 18 yrs old Sr or Big League
Roster Size	Maximum of 14 players, 1 manager and maximum of 2 coaches					Max. of 15 players
Mandatory Play Requirement	MUST complete at least one time at bat AND play at least 3 consecutive defensive outs during the game; (may be protested or forfeited unless game is shortened for any reason)					None Required
Curfew	No new inning may start after 11:00 p.m.			No new inning may start after 11:30pm		12:00 midnight
Equipment	No metal cleats; long or short model chest protector for catcher, NOCSAE helmet and dangling throat guard for catcher, 6 NOCSAE batting helmets required			No metal cleats; long or short model chest protector for catcher, NOCSAE helmet and dangling throat guard for catcher, 7 NOCSAE batting helmets required		
Bats	Max. length 33"; max diameter 2 ¼" Max.			Max. length 34"; max diameter 2 ¼" Max.		
	No baseball bats					
Pitching Innings	6 innings per game		9 innings per game		10 innings per day	
Pitching Rest	Less 1 innings = no rest; 2 or more innings = 1 calendar day of rest			Less 5 innings = no rest; 5 or more innings = 1 calendar day of rest		
Pitching On Consecutive Days	If only 1 inning pitched previous day; or if pitcher of record in continuation of suspended game			Less 5 innings pitched previous day		
Pitching In Consecutive Games	If only 1 inning pitched previous game			No restriction on consecutive games		
Pitcher Return to Mound	A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as she was removed. Visit count does not reset.					
Player Re-Entry Into Game (Starter or Substitute)	Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game at any time, in the SAME position in the batting order, provided the player being removed has already met MPR, i.e., played defensively for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs AND completed one time at bat during the game.					
Two games in one day	With Regional Director approval			No more than two games in one day allowed.		
Protests:	Playing Rule: Before next pitch/play/attempted play Ineligible pitcher or Mandatory Play: Before the umpires leave the playing field Ineligible player: As soon as facts become known to complainant, but in any event before the next game for either team					
Offensive Conferences	ONE per inning only					
Defensive Conferences (Visits) With Pitcher or any other defensive player	Two in an inning, pitcher must be removed from the mound on the third visit in an inning. Three in a game; pitcher must be removed from the mound on the fourth visit in the game. Visit count resets for new pitcher, but does NOT reset for returning pitcher.					
No Eligible Substitutes	Opposing manager selects player to substitute					
10 Run Rule	After 4 innings, 3 ½ if home team is ahead.			After 5 innings, 4 ½ if home team is ahead.		
On Deck Batter Position	Not permitted - Only the leadoff batter permitted outside the dugout between half-innings			Permitted		
Special Pinch Runner	Yes, Allowed (Rule 7.14) – once per inning, any player not presently in the lineup. A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner one time during a game.					
Designated Hitter	Not allowed					Allowed
Intentional Base on Balls	Must throw pitches to the batter. The pitcher may not use illegal pitches to accomplish an intentional base on balls.			Batter can be waved to first base before pitch is thrown		
Regulation Game (Complete)	Six full innings, 5 ½ if home team is ahead.			Seven full innings, 6 ½ if home team is ahead.		
Regulation Game (Called)	4 full innings or 3 ½ innings if home team ahead			5 full innings or 4 ½ innings if home team ahead		