



## LLL Major Softball Rules 2020 (11 & 12-year-old Girls Player-Pitch)

The objective of this division is further teaching the fundamentals of the game and giving the players the opportunity to have fun and learn. Major Softball is considered a non-instructional division. This division will follow the rules pertaining to “Major League Softball” in the 2020 Little League Softball Rulebook with the following additions.

**Maximum of (3)** three team events per week. I.E. (1) one practice (2) two games or (2) practices (1) one game. Practices are limited to **120 minutes** per session outside of LLL and **90 Minutes** at the ballpark.

Game time shall be **6 innings** or **120 minutes**. Time of games will strictly be **6:00 P.M.** to **8:00 P.M.** No inning shall begin past 7:45 P.M. Games will be allowed to continue past the time limit to finish the inning. At 8:30 P.M. the game will end no matter what. In the event a game is ended in the middle of an inning you will revert to the last completed inning to determine the winner. A “tie” is permitted.

*Interleague games must follow District 12 provided rules and times.*

**Teams** will consist of 10-12 players. Teams will consist of girls only.

**Home Team** – Is responsible for prepping and chalking the field before the game, keeping the official scorebook and getting the game balls. Scorebooks and softballs will be provided by the league. The official book and softballs can be picked up and returned at the concession stand.

**Visiting Team** – is responsible for running the scoreboard, raking the field after the game, and taking out trash cans more than half-way full. Scoreboard controls can be picked up at the concession stand. The Board member on duty can assist in setting up the scoreboard and explaining the controls.

**Note:** Both Teams are responsible for picking up trash after the game. It is also recommended by LLL that both teams keep a scorebook to avoid any discrepancy after the game.

**At the end of each game** each manager will meet and sign the book verifying they agree on the score/outcome of the game. If there is a discrepancy regarding the game or score, do not leave the park without speaking to the Board Member on Duty. If you leave the park without speaking to someone your complaint or protest is null and void. Also, Do Not leave the park without turning in the scorebook.

This Division will have **(2) Two Volunteer Umpires** to officiate the game. The Umpires decisions will be respected, and Coaches must follow the appropriate procedure in the Little League Rulebook to appeal a play.

**It is the Managers responsibility** to conduct themselves as an adult, support the “Volunteer Umpire” and maintain “crowd control”. There will be **Zero Tolerance** for inappropriate behavior from the Manager, Coaching Staff, Players, Umpires, and Spectators.

**Major Softball** will use appropriate softballs as recommended for this age division. All bats must meet the USSSA standard consisting of a 2 ¼-inch barrel and rated at 1.20 BPF. NO other bats are allowed.

**Cancellations** - In the event of bad weather in which a game is cancelled or rescheduled the LLL Board of Directors will make that decision. Managers **CAN NOT** cancel a game without Board approval. If a Manager cancels a game without Board approval it will result in a forfeit. Game cancellations or reschedules due to weather will be posted on the LLL website and sent to the Manager.

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**Substitutions** – Rosters with more than (9) nine players will require defensive substitutions. All players must meet the Little League minimum playing time of (6) consecutive outs and (1) one at-bat. It is highly recommended by LLL that substitute players be rotated throughout the season.

**Batting Format** – Teams will roster bat All players. NO run limit per inning will be in effect. The half inning will be over once the defense has recorded (3) three “Outs”. Managers are not required to shuffle the batting order each game, but LLL recommends that all players have an opportunity to bat at the top, middle, and bottom of the lineup.

The **Catcher** must wear appropriate catcher’s gear to play the position including a dangling throat guard no matter the helmet design. They must also use a catcher’s mitt. **NO** player shall be permitted to play Catcher without the appropriate gear. The Catcher may be substituted for a special pinch runner with (2) two outs.

For **Safety** reasons, All players must wear appropriate softball attire to play. **NO** shorts or opened toed shoes allowed. **NO** jewelry allowed including ear rings. **NO** hard casts, braces, or uncovered wounds.

**Reminder** – Any adult aiding or interacting with players must have completed a Volunteer Form and submit to a background check. **NO Exceptions!!!**

**The Manager** is responsible for collecting volunteer forms from all volunteers and creating a list of coaches to be turned into the LLL Coaching Coordinator. Please designate (1) one person in charge if the manager is not reachable.

**Contact Numbers:**

**League President – Jacob Williford – (409)-350-1303**

**Director of Softball – Ron Muckelrath – (409)-782-4228**

**Safety Officer – Cody Powell – (409)-790-2767**

**Coaching Coordinator – Steven Coffield – (850)-737-9131**

**Immediately report ALL incidents and injuries to the League President.**