

Little League District 4

Intertown Softball Rules Summary - Spring 2015

RULE	JUNIORS / SENIORS (13–16)	MAJORS (11–12)	MINORS (9–10)	ROOKIES/Instructional (7–8)
Ball	12" official softball	12" official softball	11" official softball	11" Flexiball (RIF)
Defensive Positions	9	9	10 (4 outfielders on grass)	12 (6 outfielders on grass)
Minimum to Play	No forfeits	No forfeits	No forfeits	No forfeits
Stealing	YES. Leave on release.	YES. Leave on release.	YES (except home). No advancement on overthrows (until Friday May 29 th). Leave when ball crosses home plate.	NO
Sliding	YES. Headfirst sliding allowed.	YES (headfirst only back)	YES (headfirst only back)	NO
Bunting	YES. Batter must remove bat from strike zone if not offering at pitch.	YES. Batter must remove bat from strike zone if not offering at pitch.	YES. Batter must remove bat from strike zone if not offering at pitch.	NO
Batting order	Continuous	Continuous (late players added to bottom)	Continuous (late players added to bottom)	Continuous (once through order each inning, unless 3 outs)
Minimum Play	3 innings (by 6 th inning)	3 innings	3 innings	3 innings (2 in the infield)
Pitching	Player pitch from 43 feet.	Player pitch from 40 feet.	Player pitch from 35 feet. Coach pitch after 3 ball count (no stealing, bunting or walks while coach pitching)	Coach pitch (no walks or Ks)
Pitching Limits	10 innings per day. Max 30 innings per week. No rest if less than 5 innings.	7 innings per game. Max 18 innings per week (Sun-Sat).	6 innings per game (no reentry). Max 6 innings per week (Sun-Sat).	N/A
Run Limit	Five (5) per half inning. 7 th (or last designated) inning unlimited.	Five (5) per half inning. 6 th (or last designated) inning unlimited.	Four (4) per half inning 6 th (or last designated) inning unlimited.	None (bat through lineup or until 3 defensive outs)
Infield Fly	YES	YES	NO	NO
Dropped 3rd strike	YES (1B unoccupied or 2 outs)	YES (1B unoccupied or 2 outs)	NO	NO
Balk	NO	NO	NO	NO
Extra Bases	YES	YES	YES	Batters may attempt 2 bases on balls hit in air to outfield
Overthrow	Advance at risk	Advance at risk	Advance at risk	Play stops
Umpires	Plate provided by home team.	Plate provided by home team.	Plate provided by home team.	Coach / parents
Mercy Rule	15 runs after 5 innings	10 runs after 4 innings	NO	NO
Scores/Standings	YES	YES	NO	NO
Length of Game	Seven innings. Official after 4 (3.5 if home team leading). Ties count.	Six innings. Official after 4 (3.5 if home team leading). Ties count.	Six innings. Official after 4 (3.5 if home team leading). Ties count.	Four innings
Time Limit	No new inning can begin after 8:15pm. For DH – 75 min limit (finish the inning) and max 15 minutes between games.	No new inning can begin after 8:15pm. No new inning after 2 hours on weekend.	No new inning can begin after 8:15pm. No new inning after 2 hours on weekend.	No new inning after 8:15pm. No new inning after 2 hours on weekend.