



Softball Minors (8u) League Rules

In conjunction with Ardsley and Hastings

Code of Conduct:

The Dobbs Ferry Youth Little League is committed to advancing the principals of sportsmanship and fair play. Our goal is to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires, and spectators while providing a quality environment for our children to learn the game of Baseball. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved.

It is the obligation of **ALL** program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of the DFYLL Code of Conduct. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to review and possible administrative action by the DFYLL Board of Directors.

Rules Overview:

All rules according to most recent Little League Rules and Regulations. In addition, the following "Local Rules" shall apply:

General:

1. No stealing is permitted.
2. 5-run limit per inning, unlimited runs in the 6th inning or last inning due to darkness or time limit.
3. 10 players allowed in field with 4 outfielders.
4. Bunting is not allowed.
5. A play will be deemed over, when either (a) the pitcher has the ball in the immediate vicinity of the pitcher's mound, or (b) the ball has been thrown to the pitcher and it lands in or crosses the immediate vicinity of the pitcher's mound. At that point, any runner who is not at least halfway to the next base must return to the previous base.
6. Outfielders must be positioned on the outfield grass.
7. Courtesy runners should be used for the catcher with 2 outs to speed up play.
8. Home team supplies the softballs.
9. There is a maximum of one defensive coach permitted on the outfield grass (to instruct fielders).

Pitching:

1. The pitching distance shall be 35 feet.
2. The softball used shall not be less than 10 7/8 " in circumference nor more than 11 1/8 " in circumference. The balls used will have a soft reduced-weight core (e.g. Incrediballs)
3. If a player pitches in more than 1 inning, 1 calendar day of rest is mandatory.
4. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of three (3) innings per game. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning.
5. After a team walks three (3) batters in an inning, the offensive coach will assume pitching duties for the remainder of the inning. When the coaches pitch, the batter can hit or strike out. The umpire will call strikes only.
6. A hit batter is a walk.
7. There are no intentional walks.
8. A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime as long as she is eligible.
9. Innings pitched in games declared "SUSPENDED" shall be charged against a pitcher's eligibility for that game.