

# 2024 DISTRICT 10 SOFTBALL INTERLOCK RULES

## Minor B (Coach Pitch)

- Use a 10" A.D.STARR Safety Softball (SS1-10-SO) or equivalent.
- Scheduled games will run from March 30 - June 1.
- Up to four (4) coaches may be present on the field for each team. One coach MUST be in the dugout at all times.
- Games may start and end with eight (8) players. There is no penalty for a team starting or ending a game with eight (8) players.
- Manager/Coach pitcher:
  - Must stand between 30-35 feet measured from the back point of home plate.
  - Shall deliver the ball underhand.
  - Shall deliver the ball such that the arch of the ball does not rise above the batter's head as it approaches home plate.
  - The Manager/Coach pitcher may NOT field any batted balls.
- The player pitcher MUST stand anywhere within five (5) feet of the Manager/Coach pitcher.
- No new inning to start after 1 hour and 30 minutes from the official scheduled start time.
- A half inning will end when the offensive team has recorded three (3) outs, five (5) runs are scored, or all players in the batting order have batted. This includes the last inning of play.
- If after seven (7) Pitches, and the ball is not hit, the batter is out. If the batter fouls off the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch they will receive another pitch and continue to receive pitches if they continue to foul the ball off. There are no walks, being hit by the pitch, or strike outs.
- The runner(s) must stop advancing on the bases once the ball has been stopped by the defensive team. (*i.e. if the batter hits the ball and it goes to the outfield and the defensive player stops the ball while the runner is going to second then the runner must stop at second.*)
- No stealing of bases
- No bunting
- No more than ten (10) defensive players on field at any time. There will be no more than six (6) defensive players (including the pitcher) on the infield. The outfielders will be at least ten (10) feet behind the infielders.
- No player can sit on bench more than one (1) inning in a row
- No on-deck hitter
- Game number and game status (no scores) shall be reported to [littleleagueron11@gmail.com](mailto:littleleagueron11@gmail.com) within 24-48 hours of completion of game.

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## Minor A (Introductory Player Pitch)

- Use a 11" A.D.STARR Softball (OLL-11-PL) or equivalent.
- Scheduled games will run from March 23 - May 23. Make up games may be played through June 1.
- Pitching distance is 35 feet.
- Up to four (4) coaches may be present on the field for each team. One adult **MUST** be in the dugout at all times.
- Games may start and end with eight (8) players. There is no penalty for a team starting or ending a game with eight (8) players.
- Three (3) outs or Ten (10) batters per inning. Last batter either hits, walks, or strikes out. Maximum five (5) runs per inning. This includes the last inning
- No new inning to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the official scheduled start time
- Teams will use a continuous batting order.
- All players must play six (6) defensive outs or two complete innings
- Walks are allowed.
- No dropped third strike.
- Players cannot steal while the coach is pitching.
- Mercy rule per the Little League rulebook.
- **Games through April 13th**, there will be no walks. Once ball 4 has been thrown to a batter, the Manager/Coach will step in to pitch and finish the count. The pitcher will face the next batter unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> out has been recorded.
- **Beginning with the April 15th games**, once bases are loaded and the pitcher throws ball 4 to the batter, the Manager/Coach will throw to the batter. The pitcher will then pitch to the next batter unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> out has been recorded.
- **Beginning with the May 6th games**, there will be no Manager/Coach pitch.
- Manager/Coach pitcher:
  - Must stand at 35 feet measured from the back point of home plate.
  - Shall deliver the ball underhand.
  - Shall deliver the ball such that the arch of the ball does not rise above the batter's head as it approaches home plate.
  - The Manager/Coach pitcher may NOT field any batted balls.
- No other special rules - play per the official Little League Softball rule book.
- Game number and status/result to be recorded to [littleleagueron11@gmail.com](mailto:littleleagueron11@gmail.com) within 24-48 hours of completion of game.

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## Majors

- Use a 12" A.D.STARR Softball (OLL-12-PL) or equivalent.
- Scheduled games will run from March 23 - May 23. Make up games may be played through June 1.
- Pitching distance is 40 feet.
- Up to three (3) coaches may be present on the field for each team. One adult MUST be in the dugout at all times.
- Games may start and end with eight (8) players. The penalty for a team starting or ending a game with eight (8) players is an out in the ninth position in the batting order.
- No new inning to start after 2 hours and 30 minutes from the official scheduled start time.
- The official start time for weekday games will be 6:00 pm.
- Teams will use a continuous batting order
- Courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two outs.
- Dropped third strike is in effect.
- All players must play six (6) defensive outs - Regulation IV(i)
- Rainout make-up double headers
  - Teams will be permitted to play a modified double header to help make-up games that were postponed due to weather only.
  - Modified double header to be played on a future date in which both teams are scheduled to play each other.
  - Each game will consist of four (4) innings (3.5 innings if the home team is ahead).
  - All players must play six (6) consecutive defensive outs. If a player does not meet this mandatory requirement in game #1 they will start on defensive, and play six (6) consecutive outs, in game #2.
  - A player cannot pitch in both games of the modified double header.
- No other special rules – play per the official Little League Softball rule book.
- Game number and status/result to be reported to [littleleagueron11@gmail.com](mailto:littleleagueron11@gmail.com) within 24-48 hours of completion of game.

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## Juniors

- Use a 12" A.D.STARR Softball (OLL-12-PL) or equivalent.
- Scheduled games will run from March 23 - May 23. Make up games may be played through June 1.
- Pitching distance is 43 feet.
- Up to three (3) coaches may be present on the field for each team. One adult MUST be in the dugout at all times.
- Games may start and end with eight (8) players. The penalty for a team starting or ending a game with eight (8) players is an out in the ninth position in the batting order.
- No new inning to start after 2 hours and 30 minutes from the official scheduled start time.
- The official start time for weekday games will be 6:00 pm.
- Teams will use a continuous batting order
- Courtesy runner for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two outs.
- All players must play six (6) defensive outs - Regulation IV(i)
- Rainout make-up double headers
  - Teams will be permitted to play a modified double header to help make-up games that were postponed due to weather only.
  - Modified double header to be played on a future date in which both teams are scheduled to play each other.
  - Each game will consist of five (5) innings (4.5 innings if the home team is ahead).
  - All players must play six (6) consecutive defensive outs. If a player does not meet this mandatory requirement in game #1 they will start on defensive, and play six (6) consecutive outs, in game #2.
  - A player cannot pitch in both games of the modified double header.
- No other special rules – play per the official Little League Softball rule book.
- Game number and status/result to be reported to [littleleagueron11@gmail.com](mailto:littleleagueron11@gmail.com) within 24-48 hours of completion of game.

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- **Seniors**

- Use a 12" A.D.STARR Softball (OLL-12-PL) or equivalent.
- Game schedule TBD based on number of teams District 10 fields.
- Pitching distance is 43 feet.
- Up to three (3) coaches may be present on the field for each team. One adult **MUST** be in the dugout at all times.
- Games may start and end with eight (8) players. The penalty for a team starting or ending a game with eight (8) players is an out in the ninth position in the batting order.
- No new inning to start after 2 hours and 30 minutes from the official scheduled start time.
- The official start time for week day games will be 6:00 pm.
- Teams may utilize the DP/Flex.
- Rainout make-up double headers
  - Teams will be permitted to play a modified double header to help make-up games that were postponed due to weather only.
  - Modified double header to be played on a future date in which both teams are scheduled to play each other.
  - Each game will consist of five (5) innings (4.5 innings if the home team is ahead).
  - All players must play six (6) consecutive defensive outs. If a player does not meet this mandatory requirement in game #1 they will start on defensive, and play six (6) consecutive outs, in game #2.
  - A player cannot pitch in both games of the modified double header.
- No other special rules – play per the official Little League Softball rule book.
- Game number and status/result to be reported to at [littleleagueron11@gmail.com](mailto:littleleagueron11@gmail.com) within 24-48 hours.