

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT 12 2010 SOFTBALL INTER-LEAGUE PLAY RULES

The rules and regulations for NJ District 12 Little League Softball are those contained in the Minor League, Little League, Junior League and Senior League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules as published annually by Little League Baseball, Inc. with the following supplements:

1. The minor league shall be divided into Junior Minors, ages 7, 8 and 9; and Minors ages 8, 9 and 10.
2. The Major League shall be players who are 10, 11 and 12.
3. The Junior League shall be players who are age 13 and 14.
4. The Senior League shall be players who are age 14, 15 and 16.
5. The following chart shall govern all inter-league play:

<u>Junior Minors / Rookie</u> <u>7-8-9</u>	<u>Minors</u> <u>8-9-10</u>	<u>Majors</u> <u>10-11-12</u>	<u>Junior/Senior</u> <u>13-14 & 14-16</u>
11 Inch Ball (RIF permitted)	11 Inch Ball	12 Inch Ball	12 Inch Ball
Pitching Distance 35 ft	Pitching Distance 35 ft	Pitching Distance 40 ft	Pitching Distance 40 ft
Time Limit (See Minors)	Time Limit No New Inning after 2 hours or darkness or local rules where applicable	Time Limit (See Minors)	Time Limit (See Minors)
6 Innings	6 Innings	6 Innings	7 Innings
Max. 5 Runs per Inning	Max. 5 Runs per Inning (any runs scored on an over the fence home run would be counted irrespective of the 5 run limit – up to 8 runs could be recorded in this event)	No new batter after 6 th run scores; a play must be made. (Up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)	No new batter after 6 th run scores; a play must be made. (Up to 9 runs can be recorded in an inning)
Coach pitch only	Player Pitch If a batter is hit by a <u>player</u> pitched ball, the batter <u>MUST</u> go to 1 st base. Upon ball 4, the hitting team’s coach will pitch starting with the number of strikes in the count (continuous count). The coach will pitch to the batter and the umpire will continue to call balls and strikes. Upon strike 3, the batter is out. Example: If the batter has a count of 1 strike upon ball 4 being called, the batter will be given two more strikes to hit the ball or strike out.. There is a limit of 6 pitches that a coach may throw until the ball is put in play or the batter strikes out. A ball accidentally fielded by the coach pitcher <u>shall be considered a “do-over”</u> . No coaching from the mound.	Player Pitch	Player Pitch
No stealing	Only 2 Attempts to steal home/ inning <u>Leave when pitch reaches the batter</u>	Unlimited Stealing <u>Leave on Release</u>	Unlimited Stealing <u>Leave on Release</u>
No Bunting	<u>Bunting is permitted. Slap bunting is not permitted and will result in an out. Slap bunting is when the hitter “shows” bunt by taking a bunting stance and then pulls the bat back and hits away, usually “slapping” at the ball. Slap hitting IS allowed. Slap hitting is where the batter, usually from the left side, takes a half swing at the ball trying to hit it while starting to run towards first base. Fake bunting permitted.</u>	<u>See Minors</u>	All type bunting permitted
Players on field: 9 maximum <u>6</u> minimum	Players on field: 9	Players on Field: 9	Players on Field: 9
	Innings Pitched: by the book	Innings Pitched: by the book	Innings Pitched: by the book
	Pitchers Rest-By the Book	Pitchers Rest-By the Book	Pitchers Rest-By the Book

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8 ft. Pitcher's Circle	8 ft. Pitcher's Circle	8 ft. Pitcher's Circle	8 ft. Pitcher's Circle
No Infield Fly Rule	No Infield Fly Rule	Infield Fly Rule	Infield Fly Rule
<u>No Dropped Third Strike</u>	<u>No Dropped Third Strike</u>	<u>Dropped Third Strike</u>	<u>Dropped Third Strike</u>
	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book	Chart Pitchers Innings in Score Book