**Junior Softball Supplemental Rules**

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# League Composition

* The Junior Division in Illinois District 13 is composed of league age 12 to 15-year-olds who are experienced softball players looking for a competitive level of play.
* 12 Year Olds may be Dual Rostered on a Major AND Junior Division Team roster at the same time.
* A total of 16 games will be scheduled.
* Games will be scheduled on Tues, Thurs. and Saturday (with some exceptions) and will start on the 3rd Tuesday of April.
* Deadline for Games to be played and entered in Admin site by **the first day of the Metro Tournament.**
* At the end of the regular season all teams will participate in a single elimination **Metro Tournament of Champions**.

# Standings and Rankings

* Teams will be ranked through the season using a points system.

○ Win - 3 Points

○ Loss - 1 Point

○ Tie - 2 Point

* There will be a ***15 minute*** grace period, from the official scheduled start of the game for a team to field enough players. If ***after*** 15 minutes a team still does not have the minimum number of players required to start the game that team will be issued zero (0) points. Two points (2) will be assigned to the team with the minimum number of players present.
* If a team refuses to reschedule a game, the team refusing to play will be issued zero (0) points. Two points (2) will be assigned to the team that was wanting to play the game.
* If a game isn’t played due to the above circumstances and points are awarded, the score that will be input into the League Admin site will be 6-0 for the Major Division.
* If there is a tie at the end of the season in points, the first tiebreaker will be head to head, second **total** runs allowed.
* District will ***NOT*** issue any forfeits at any time, regardless of circumstance.
* All standings will be kept on the District 13 Softball League Admin Pro website listed later in this document.

# Administration

* Illinois District 13 Staff will be the overall administrators of the district.
* Each League will be responsible for their own teams, managers, coaches, fields, etc. as they are all chartering at the league level.
* Illinois District 13 will serve as the protest committee for District 13 Softball. The district will act on all protests within 72 hours of notification that are presented in accordance with article 4.19 of the Little League International Official Playing Rules.
  + All decisions made by District 13 regarding protests will be considered final and binding.

# Umpires

* The home team is responsible for umpires for their games.
* This division only requires 1 umpire for a game.
* A league must use a Little League trained umpire who has comprehension of the LL rules at this level. No youth or adolescent umpires allowed.

# Rainouts and Rescheduling

* In the event of inclement weather, the opposing team must provide at least 1 hour 30-minute notification of the game’s cancellation.
  + This timeframe minimizes the negative impact of having to travel without playing a game.
* No game will be rescheduled for any reason except rainouts or school events. ***All Games will be rescheduled within 48 hours of the original game date to be played in the future.*** This does not mean that the game must be played within 72 hours. If a date cannot be agreed upon, District 13 will determine the outcome or reschedule date.
* Once a makeup game is rescheduled the ***VP or Rep*** of the ***HOME***team will contact District so the appropriate changes to the date and time on the league admin pro website.

# Good Sportsmanship

* Teams may cheer or chant for their ***OWN*** team only, cheers may not reference the opponent’s players.
* ***NO inappropriate*** comments will be made towards the opposing team.
* ***If inappropriate comments are made to an opposing team, the manager will receive a warning from the umpires.* If the comments continue, the manager may be ejected from the game. This is subject to the Umpires’ Discretion.**

# Rules

The Little League Softball Rulebook will be used in all areas except when explicitly stated within this document. The following are amendments that will apply during the ***regular season and Metro Tournament***.

## General Regulations

* A Double Safety-First Base will be used at all divisions.
* Managers and coaches are *NOT* allowed to warm up pitchers at any time.
* The Mandatory Play Rule will be ***strictly*** adhered to in accordance with Regulation IV (I) of the Little League Softball Rulebook. Minimum play will be met when a player plays 6 defensive outs ***and*** 1 at bat. Defensive outs DO NOT need to be consecutive.
* Each team must have a minimum of **9** players present at the start of the game.
* Run Rule – if either team has a lead of 15 or more runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is leading by 15 or more runs), the game will be considered complete. If either team has a lead of 10 or more runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is leading by 10 or more runs), the game will be considered complete.

## Time Limits

* The time limit for this division will be ***2 hours***. After this time no new inning will be started. The current inning will be completed unless the game has been called due to weather or darkness.
* The time limit will begin with the coaches meeting at home plate with the umpire in chief and the specific time will be agreed upon during that meeting.

## Batting Order

* A team’s official batting order, including names and numbers, must be provided to the opposing team at the manager's’ meeting at home plate.
* This division will be using a continuous batting order. Minimum play will be met when a player plays 6 defensive outs ***and*** 1 at bat.

## Playing Rules

* A maximum of 5 warm-up pitches is allowed between innings or when a pitcher relieves another.

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# Game Logs

* It is a ***requirement*** that managers for each team log their pitching information and game results within the [League Admin Pro site](http://www.leagueadminpro.com/d13softball/).
* Managers are required to input their results into the League Admin Pro website within ***24 hours*** of the game’s conclusion.
* The Home team manager is responsible for inputting the scores into the system.
* Managers that become repeat offenders for not complying and not using the website, the following will be strongly suggested:
  + 1st Occurrence - Manager will receive a written warning
  + 2nd Occurrence - Manager will receive a one (1) game suspension.
  + 3rd Occurrence - Manager will be suspended for five (5) games
  + 4th Occurrence - Manager will be removed for the remainder of the season
* ***Please note that if a team hasn’t uploaded their game results and pitching information to the League Admin Pro website, pitches a player, and that player is found to be an ineligible pitcher, Little League Rules and Regulations will be followed in regards to ineligible pitchers.***

# League Resources

**IL District 13 :** http://www.illinoisdistrict13.com

**League Admin Pro :** http://www.leagueadminpro.com/d13softball/

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